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FEARS OF HUNTING AT NATURE RESERVE

by David Lumb

BRUTAL hunters are believed to be using Staffordshire bull terrier-type dogs to target wildlife at a Great Barr beauty spot.

At least six ducks have gone missing from the Queslett nature reserve in the past three months.

Witnesses have reported seeing bull terrier-type dogs being brought to the park late at night in cages and men in waders holding snares. And a swan is being treated at a sanctuary for what are understood to be bite wounds.

The matter has been reported to the police.

Keith Linnecor, of the Friends of Queslett nature reserve, said: "Something serious is going on, and it would appear it's hunting.

"People have been saying the number of ducks is going down and you have to ask what are men in waders doing – because they are certainly not park wardens.

"I have had several reports, including reports of a group of men around a van with caged dogs in it.

Dogbaiting

"Whether they are hunting for food, or they get a buzz from setting a pack of dogs on ducks, we don't know. Whatever is going on, we want it stopped."

Mr Linnecor said there had been problems with dogs being used to hunt ducks in the park a couple of years ago, and with dog baiting.

A statement from West Midlands Police said: "We have been made aware of concerns in Queslett nature reserve. We would urge anyone with any information to contact us."

Call 0345 113 5000 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Misery of M5 delays is on way

DELAYS could hit drivers on the M5 for up to 10 weeks as a £2.1 million scheme to replace drainage begins.

From Monday, the Highways Agency will start £2.1m of work to replace drainage on the 1.7-mile carriageway from the M5 junction 1 for West Bromwich to the M6 junction 8 for Wednesbury. It is one of the busiest roads in the West Midlands.

The work will go on for 24 hours a day.

Speed limits of 40mph will be in place.

The new drainage system will stop surface water collecting. Both north and southbound carriageways are involved.

During the day narrow lanes will run in both directions, and overnight lane closures are planned.

There will also be occasional overnight closures of slip roads and the main carriageway between the hours of 10pm-5am.

Tributes to Jack Judge's greatest hit

Tony Howen, 65, Terry Daniels, 68, Adrian Johnson, 46, and Gillian Nicklin, 62, at the celebration

Tributes are being paid to Jack Judge of Oldbury, who wrote It's a Long Way to Tipperary 100 years ago

THE 100th anniversary of the First World War song It's a Long Way to Tipperary was celebrated in Oldbury – the home town of the man who wrote it.

Jack Judge wrote the song for a bet. He won five shillings, and the song became one of the best-loved songs of the war, sung by thousands of young soldiers as they marched off to fight.

Residents of the Manchester suburb Stalybridge claim the tune was penned there as the suburb's theatre hosted its first performance.

But Oldbury residents say Jack, a fishmonger, wrote the song at home.

Oldbury poet and storyteller Adrian Johnson organised a celebration of Jack's song, at the appropriately named Jack Judge Library, in Halesowen Street.

Residents and his descendants belted out the song in his honour.

Gillian Nicklin, Jack's great-grandaughter, was there with her husband, retired engineer, John. The mother-of-two, a retired cook of Tipton, said: "Jack sounds such a character. His songs put smiles on people's faces and he sounds lovely."

Mr Nicklin added: "It's a great feeling to hear the song. It lifts you up."

Verna Gibbons, Jack's great-great niece by marriage, a retired teacher of Bearwood, added: "To think of a local boy writing an international classic – it's fantastic."

Tony Howen, 65, of West Bromwich, a relative of Jack's wife Ginnie was also at the event.

25 drain covers stolen in a month

METAL thieves have been condemned after it emerged a total of 25 drain covers were stolen in Tipton last month.

Sandwell Council now faces a bill of £10,000 to replace them.

The covers were taken from roads including Cupfields Avenue and Factory Road.

In recent months dozens of metal drain covers have been stolen in the town prompting council chiefs to look at plans to replace them with plastic covers.

It costs the council £400 to replace each stolen metal drain cover and frame.

The council has already placed an order for 2,000 plastic drain covers costing £100,000.

If every cover were replaced, the cost would hit £2.2 million.

But bosses want to replace the ones stolen and to have some in reserve.

Sandwell's safety boss, Councillor Derek Rowley, condemned the thefts.

He said: "It presents a danger to the elderly and young and people travelling in vehicles."

Metal theft has hit the borough to such a degree that late last year more than 40 covers were stolen from parts of Tipton in one fortnight alone.

Firm fined after fall

A WEST BROMWICH construction firm has been fined £10,000 after a scaffolder suffered multiple injuries when he fell 23 feet.

Gary Hampton, 28, from Fred Lewis Scaffold Company Ltd was badly injured when he fell through a fragile roof.

The company, in Birmingham Road, pleaded guilty to breaching Section 2(1) of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974.

The firm must also pay £19,000 costs.

Proposal launched for free academy

A PLAN has been launched to set up a free school for up to 1,350 pupils in Smethwick.

The Guru Nanak Academy could open in 2013 if an application to the Department of Education is successful.

The plans are being supported by members of the Guru Nanak Gurdwara, in High Street, as well as Smethwick Youth and Community Centre.

An application will be sent in next month under the Government's Free Schools Programme and organisers expect to hear if they have been successful in the summer.

The school would be run with a Sikh ethos but would be open to children from all backgrounds.

It would cater for primary children with reception, Year 1 and Year 2 admitting 60 pupils each.

Up to 15 jobs would be created, most full-time, with more jobs becoming available as the school expands.

The school is expected to reach capacity in 2022 and eventually become the first school in the borough catering for children ranging from four to 19.

A steering group began preparing the bid after parents expressed concerns that many children were opting to go to schools outside Sandwell.

Jobs joy at boom firm

AN Oldbury engineering firm announced expansion plans that will see seven jobs created.

Rolling steel giant Metsec, which turns over £80 million a year, is creating roles for five team leaders and rolling machine operators thanks to work created by fitting solar panels.

The firm, which employs 330 staff, also unveiled plans for a new office block on its Broadwell Road site, which will create two more roles.

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Baby boom forces school to seek cash

A SCHOOL in Smethwick which is in line for a £9 million expansion needs another £24,800 from Sandwell Council for extra staff and temporary classrooms.

Shireland Hall Primary needs to boost capacity because of the borough's baby boom. More than 200 places will be created and school bosses want to build a new base next to the current site in Edith Road.

Before the current academic year started, the school had budgeted for 315 pupils. By the time the academic year began in September, the school had been told to expect 358 pupils.

Executive principal Travis Latham has asked for money from Sandwell schools' forum to cover another teacher, and a learning support practitioner for reception, and cash to put towards temporary classrooms. The forum decides how to use grant money given for Sandwell schools.

Councillor Bob Badham, cabinet member for children, said: "The increase in school numbers obviously puts the school in difficulty."

The school has been remodelled ahead of building work. Reception and nursery will be moved into temporary accommodation for 18 months while work takes place.

The school roll would rise to 630, under the expansion plans. Space for the project will be created by demolishing part of the current building and developing the school playground.

A two-storey, 25,000 sq ft building will accommodate 630 pupils, and a 45-place nursery.

Thieves looking for easy money target post boxes

POST boxes in the Black Country have been repeatedly targeted by vandals and thieves in the past two years.

There were four cases in West Bromwich in 2010 costing £174.89 and five cases of break-ins and vandalism in the Stafford area, costing £117.48.

Figures released under the Freedom of Information Act also show a post box was damaged in Wolverhampton in 2010, in an attack that caused £25 damage, and in the Dudley area in the same year, an attack caused £8.34 damage.

Roger Millwater, whose wife Anne runs the Dog Kennel Lane Post Office, in Londonderry Road, Oldbury, has been a sub-postmaster for 19 years.

He said: "This is something that has started in the past few years," he said. "People are looking for easy ways of getting money and think there may be letters with money in them."

Explosion

"I come from an age where it doesn't matter what economic difficulties you find yourself in – you don't resort to criminal activities to ease your lot.

"These people have no concern for anyone else."

Incidents in West Bromwich last year included one where the door of a post box in Gladstone Street was blasted open by yobs in the early hours one morning.

Residents were woken by the sound of an explosion just after 1.20am on October 12.

One postbox was smashed in Coven Road, Brewood, in the summer of 2010. In December, thieves broke into a postbox in Walsall Street, Willenhall, used by youngsters to send letters to Santa.

Schools sign up to boost standards of literacy

A TOTAL of 24 schools in Sandwell have agreed to spend nearly £64,000 on phonic products and training to improve pupils' reading, Department for Education figures show.

Nationally, 3,211 schools have taken advantage of the Government's match-funding scheme to buy the products. In Sandwell, of the 89 schools eligible, 24 took up the offer. Match-funding of £31,469.50 will be provided by Government to schools in the borough.

Twelve schools took up the option of training. Figures for Sandwell show the percentage of 11-year-olds reaching expected levels of reading is 82 per cent, compared to the national average of 84 per cent.

The products include teaching resources like books, software and games.

Councillor Ray Nock, who works at Sandwell College, said the take-up was low for a product with a "proven record".

The scheme was launched last year. Any state-funded school with Key Stage 1 pupils can claim up to £3,000 to buy the products and training until March 2013.

Spitfire ace's flying VIP visit

Spitfire fighter pilot Eric Carter, who was a guest at West Bromwich Albion

A SECOND World War fighter pilot received VIP treatment when he paid a flying visit to his beloved West Bromwich Albion.

Eric Carter, who saw the Baggies win the FA Cup at Wembley in 1931, was a special guest of the club at the FA Cup meeting with Norwich City at The Hawthorns.

The 91-year-old great-grandfather, of Chaddesley Corbett, near Kidderminster, who flew Spitfires and Hurricanes, hit the headlines when he was denied the chance to sit in the cockpit of a Spitfire at the Potteries Museum, near Stoke-on-Trent, because of health and safety rules.

Albion officials who read his story invited him to watch the fourth-round tie from the press box and to meet head coach Roy Hodgson.

"It was a bit different to when I was a lad. When I first saw Albion I used to sneak into the ground between my father's legs," joked Mr Carter.

Adoption services praised by Ofsted

SANDWELL Council's adoption service has been rated satisfactory by Ofsted ins-pectors.

Inspector Vivien Slyfield said users' experience of the service was variable.

But she praised the way the service works with birth families by involving them in plans for their children.

She said: "They are committed to supporting birth parents and relatives in maintaining contact. This is sensitively and effectively implemented."

She said suitable adoptive families were recruited and the service thoroughly prepared and assessed them so they could meet the needs of adoptive children.

Mrs Slyfield said he employed staff were recruited appropriately but the agency had not been thorough in ensuring that the panel assessing adoptions was suitably recruited.

She also criticised the service for using a non-registered agency to provide adoption support, which had not undertaken the appropriate checks to employ staff under its own auspices. She said: "This action may leave children vulnerable."

Bra appeal is supported

CAR dealers and a radio station in the Black Country are campaigning for unwanted bras and donations. Beacon Radio is working with **wewantanycar.com** to appeal for bras.

They are encouraging people to donate unwanted bras with £1 in each cup in aid of Breast Cancer Care. Bras will be recycled to provide more funds.

Wolverhampton Grand Theatre panto star Linda Lusardi has donated a bra and there will be bra banks at We Want Any Car depots in Cannock, Dudley, West Bromwich and Oldbury.

Bowling offer

OVER-50s are invited to join an indoor bowling session at Hope Christian Fellowship Church, Rounds Green, Oldbury on Thursdays between 10.30am and 12.30pm. This week and next Thursday, people can take part for free. Sessions are normally priced £2.

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Action on old house is on way

THE transformation of a vandal-plagued house in Wednesbury is set to move forward.

It emerged council bosses were intervening to try to find a new buyer for the house in Myvod Road.

Plans have been in the pipeline since 2005 to turn it into seven flats.

The project ground to a halt when owner Gurpreet Shoker ran into money troubles.

Now Sandwell Council is trying to broker a deal between Mr Shoker and a potential buyer.

Sheila Shemmans, aged 59, who lives next door to the home, said: "This has been going on for so long now. We have had enough."

Another neighbour, Karl Norton, of Meryhurst Road, said: "There have been problems with people breaking in and starting fires. The sooner they can get someone in, the better."

Sandwell Council officers could have ordered the building be demolished but decided there would be more merit in trying to find a fresh developer. If a sale cannot be arranged, the authority will impose a notice under which it will do the clearance work and bill Mr Shoker.

Folk night raises cash

AN Irish folk night organised to raise funds towards new hospital diagnosis equipment has brought in more than £2,600.

The cash from the event will be split between Sandwell General and Walsall Manor hospitals gastroenterology departments.

Nearly 300 patients, carers and supporters of the group watched the Hurling Boys at the Saddlers Club, Bescot Crescent, Walsall. The gig was organised by patient Pat Brennan and Brenda Yates, from the group.

Plan go-ahead

PLANS to turn a property in Smethwick into a education centre have been approved by council chiefs.

Jasminder Khanna applied to change the use of the High Street property into a base for language and vocational courses. Sandwell Councillors gave Miss Khanna temporary permission for two years.

Ikea's 120ft tall sign is turned down flat

A LARGE advertising hoarding to promote Ikea has been rejected by planning officers amid fears it could distract drivers on the M6.

The homeware giant wants to put up a 120ft tall pole and sign next to its store on the Wednesbury and Walsall border.

But plans for the "navigation tower" by the store, which has been undergoing a £6.8 million upgrade with the creation of more than 30 new jobs, has been turned down by Walsall Council chiefs.

The tower and sign was intendend to help promote the Gallagher Retail Park location of Ikea.

But councillors said it would distract drivers travelling along the busy motorway stretch between Junctions 9 and 10.

Walsall Council head of planning David Elsworthy said: "Research by the Highways Agency identifies the average number of accidents on this stretch of the M6 is 78 per cent higher than the average of the motorway network."

Mr Elsworthy said that the recently introduced active traffic management system along the M6 between junctions 8 to 10a, was an attempt to reduce congestion and therefore reduce congestion-related accidents.

He added: "This is only effective when drivers pay full attention to the road ahead and the dynamic gantry signals.

"Therefore it would be counter-productive to introduce a further distraction into the field of motorists."

Warning

He also said the size and design of the sign would be obtrusive and overly dominant on the skyline.

The illuminated triangular sign on top of the pole would have measured 16m wide by 4m high, and emblazoned with the name of Ikea.

Marsha Smith, store manager, said: "We are disappointed to hear that our planning application for a navigation tower, located on the corner of our car park, has not been successful.

"The navigation tower was intended to make it easier to find the store by giving a sufficient warning to exit the motorway."

Ms Smith said the firm would have to consider the council's verdict to decide if they would launch an appeal.

A giant billboard was put outside Walsall Football Club several years ago despite similar concerns.

Designer of The Public in fightback against critics

THE MAN who designed the £72m pink and black arts centre known as The Public has defended it against its critics.

And Will Alsop launched a stinging atack on the Arts Council, the centre's main funder.

The Public was criticised after it went through major design changes, ran millions of pounds over budget and opened late without all the attractions complete.

Mr Alsop has pointed the finger at the Government-funded Arts Council which contributed £31.8m to the project, up from an original allocation of £19m.

He said: "They are more concerned with balancing budgets than backing art. When budgets began to unravel, it was awful. It would be better not to have an Arts Council. Its budget has been cut dramatically.

"When the Arts Council was founded, its members were committed to art, and it was funded by society for everyone's benefit. That's gone now.

Damning

"It would be more democratic to give tax breaks to big companies to fund local art projects and create incentives so they don't all give to the same causes and the money is spread across the country."

Mr Alsop spoke as he returned to the venue to give a talk about architecture, entitled "A Box of Delights", his pet name for The Public.

He also hit back at a damning report on the centre last year, which dubbed the project "not fit for purpose". The report entitled The Public: Lessons learned by Arts Council England, by Anthony Blackstock, said the Arts Council should have downscaled plans as budgets spiralled.

But Mr Alsop said: "There's nothing wrong with the building. It's a joy to be here. The building is unconventional and it attracts people into it, even if nothing is going on.

"That was always the idea, to attract people into the gallery where they might stay and enjoy an exhibition."

He added visitor numbers had nearly doubled in a year – from 126,000 to 235,000.

"It is doing exactly what it was supposed to do," he said.

Arts Council England has announced it will continue to invest in the New Street venue by pumping in £200,000 a year from 2012 until at least 2015. Council bosses meanwhile continue to keep the business case for The Public under review.

They hope gallery chiefs can increase profits and reduce the £2.29m annual management fee it receives from public coffers.

External auditors KPMG warned two years ago that the council, which owns the centre, may have to consider mothballing it.

Mr Alsop said public subsidy, in the form of the management fee, should not be cut.

He said: "Galleries need cash to be able to plan events. Without cash confirmed, they are unable to plan, and lose the energy they need to be a success."

Arts Council England has praised Sandwell Arts Trust, which runs The Public, for improving the range of work on show.

Mr Alsop, who began work on the project in 1997, revealed he never planned any storage in the building.

He said the issue "simply never came up in meetings", despite the project being in the pipeline for more than 10 years before its 2009 opening.

Bosses at the New Street venue however say they use the mezzanine floor for storage, as well as space on the ground, second and third floors, and roof, and have not had any problems.

Referring to the storage, Tom Watson, MP for West Bromwich East, said: "I think people will raise eyebrows at this comment but I think one thing that unites us all is we don't want an extension built."

Will Alsop outside The Public arts centre which he designed

Will with student Samantha Dale at a new exhibition

An art lover takes in an exhibition at The Public

NEWS in brief

Firm makes plea to keep its offices

RETROSPECTIVE permission has been requested to keep a two-storey office block in Smethwick which was a bicycle workshop.

A plan to transform the old Major Nichols Bicycle Workshop, in Durban Road, was rejected last year. Now the owners want to retain the offices and use the building to store building materials.

Planning chiefs turned the original application down, saying the design would not be in keeping with the surroundings.

Red faces over fence blunder

PLANNING chiefs said they were embarrassed that the council had built a fence at Oldbury College of Sport without planning permission.

The council was granted retrospective permission after buiding the 7.8 ft fence along the boundary of the Pound Road school.

Neighbours alerted officers that the fence was too high – and then school bosses applied for permission. Councillor Roger Horton said: "It is very embarrassing."

Landscapes are caught on film

PHOTOS documenting the landscapes of the Black Country are on display in West Bromwich.

Rick Davies's Black Country Stories is on at The Public in New Street until May 20.

Multistory, one of the UK's leading community arts agencies, commissioned the photographer to come up with the exhibition.

Furniture alight in house blaze

A FIRE broke out in the front room of a terraced house in Bearwood.

Oldbury and Smethwick firefighters were called to the fire in Vince Street. There was no-one in the house at the time of the blaze.

The furniture in the room was well alight. Fire crews were investigating the cause of the blaze.

Windows deal

A FIRM is being sought to install double glazing at Sandwell schools. The work could cost £110,000. Applicants should contact the authority's urban design department.

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THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

SIGN of the times. A notice spotted in a jobs-agency window offers £6.50 an hour, plus commission, for someone "to stand outside on a busy street, holding a sign to attract potential customers who have a claim for payment-protection insurance."

The job title is "Street Executive."

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VERNON Coleman's latest book lands on my desk. It has the snappy title: Anyone Who Tells you Vaccines Are Safe and Effective is Lying, Here's The Proof and proceeds to drive a cart and many horses through orthodox medicine.

Coleman is a former GP, born and educated in Walsall who now rages against the system. He has produced more than 100 books and makes claims which would get any doctor, nurse or consultant struck off for life.

If he's mad why isn't he in an asylum? If he's lying why is he not in court? If he's telling the truth, shouldn't we take him more seriously?

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SKY News presenter Colin Brazier has infuriated those of a sensitive nature by suggesting transportation as a means of dealing with Britain's 120,000 "problem families." His idea is to ship them off to the Sandwich Islands in the South Atlantic.

Now, I venture to suggest that Brazier is a kindly soul and does not really think any such thing but is merely being provocative in order to make a point about a big national issue.

The problem these days is that large numbers of Britons have lost all sense of humour and proportion and seem to delight in taking offence at anything.

Sure enough, The Howard League for Penal Reform solemnly responds to Brazier's view with: "There is a world of difference in the state intervening to improve troubled communities and the state intervening to deport our citizens to far-flung corners of the globe."

Well, of course there is. There is also a huge gap between wickedness and satire. Let us all get real.

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MEANWHILE a reader attracted by the Brazier plan for the Sandwich Islands asks: "Will those convicted of less serious offences be placed in an open Sandwich?"

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AS a general rule, if you don't know who said something, it is safe to attribute it to Winston Churchill. But it doesn't always work.

A reader assures me that Churchill once said he enjoyed travelling on Italian liners because, if there was a crisis, "there is none of this nonsense about women and children first".

In fact, this quote seems to date back to a joke by "An American traveller" in 1917 and has since been attributed to Noel Coward, Somerset Maugham and a gossip columnist, O O McIntyre. And in most cases it referred not to Italian liners but to French liners.

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NEWS from a music lecturer teaching his college class about press releases from the pop industry. One puzzled 18-year-old looked up and asked: "What's a B-Side?"

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ONE of the many ads for one of the many, many TV cookery programmes began, in all seriousness: "This is as tough as cooking gets."

Calm down, boys. it's only a pudding. Any girlie can do it.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Pub to make way for £11m leisure centre

A FORMER West Bromwich pub which has been targeted by vandals has been sold for £150,000 to Sandwell Council, paving the way for a multi-million pound redevelopment.

The Rising Sun on the corner of Barton Street and Richard Street South will be bulldozed by the authority to make way for a major regeneration of the area, which will include the town's new £11 million swimming pool. The eyesore was once popular with West Bromwich Albion supporters, claiming to be "the best pub with Albion attitude".

The bar was decorated from floor to ceiling with Baggies memorabilia.

The authority bought the pub in a deal brokered by property agents Bond Wolfe.

There was talk of a major retail development on the site and it had previously received planning permission for housing.

It was owned by a private investor and retailer. It will be bulldozed to make way for the council leisure scheme.

Approval has already been granted by the council to demolish and clear the site.

James Mattin, managing partner of Bond Wolfe, said: "This is another important step in the regeneration of West Bromwich."

The council has stated that it aims to submit a planning application by summer 2012, with building work starting in 2013. It is hoped the complex, which will include a 25-metre, six-lane swimming pool and learner pool, a sports hall and a gym, will open in summer 2014.

250 homes plan for former landfill site

A MULTI-MILLION pound homes development is being planned to transform a 20-acre former landfill site in Stone Cross, West Bromwich.

Developer Bloor Homes is behind the proposal for 250 homes. It would include 10 four or five-bedroom detached houses, 50 four-bedroom detached houses, 65 three-bedroom detached houses, 65 three-bedroom semi-detached houses, 30 three-bedroom terraced houses and 30 two-bedroom terraced houses.

The properties would be built on land in Hall Green Road and Needwood Grove.

Bloor Homes spokesman Martin Hughes said: "It has been a long-held aspiration of the council to achieve the regeneration of this site and it is now believed that a high quality residential scheme of around 250 new homes can be delivered.

"This can be achieved by using modern methods to ensure that the site is cleaned to a high standard."

Approval

Part of the site, known as T & S Elements, was a quarry and landfill site until 1984. A portion was owned by British Industrial Plastics.

The smaller portion of open space is owned by Sandwell Council.

A planning application is expected to be submitted next month and developers hope to start building later this year, subject to consultation and council approval.

Councillor Ian Jones, Sandwell's cabinet member for jobs and economy, said: "We would be delighted to see the transformation of such a brownfield site into residential development."

Councillor Jones added: "As I understand it, technology has moved on and developers are now able to reclaim this land. If that is the case, the council would obviously support efforts to bring it back into use."

NHS patients are facing a longer wait for treatment

INCREASES in NHS waiting times in Sandwell show patient care is sliding amid an expensive national restructure, an MP claims.

Figures released by the Department of Health show that waiting times in Sandwell PCT have increased over the past year.

Referral to Treatment (RTT) figures show that in May 2010, 94.6 per cent of 2,317 people referred were treated within 18 weeks. In November 2011 only 94 per cent of 2,604 people were treated in the same time period. This follows announcements by the Royal College of Nurses and Royal College of Midwives stating their opposition to the Government's Health and Social Care Bill.

John Spellar, Warley MP, said: "David Cameron made a number of promises on the NHS and it appears he is intent on breaking them all. Patient care is sliding and waiting times are going up."

It is anticipated the new Health and Social Care Bill will cost taxpayers £114million in the Black Country and Staffordshire. The changes will see the abolition of all 10 strategic health authorities and 152 primary care trusts.

Double break-in at Legion

Linda Yates, aged 59, poppy appeal organiser, with the lock the thieves broke

A BRITISH LEGION club was targeted by thieves twice in a matter of days.

The intruders stole metal and raffle prizes and caused £1,000 of damage at the club in High Bullen, Wednesbury.

And members were devastated when they discovered a cabin storing prizes for the annual poppy appeal had been taken.

Linda Yates, poppy appeal organiser, said in the first incident, metal from a chimney flue was stolen. Days later, it was found thieves had broken into a storage cabin on the grounds of the car park, ripping off a padlock to get in.

"They have gone through boxes and raffle prizes, cuddly toys and a couple of jigsaw puzzles and toiletries have gone," she said.

Mrs Yates, who said the legion raised £11,030 towards last year's poppy appeal, added: "I feel like crying."

Police are now looking through CCTV footage to try to identify the thieves.

Planners dismiss objectors' concerns

WORK on a controversial housing scheme on the site of a Black Country social club has been approved by council chiefs.

Developers were given permission back in 2009 to demolish the Yew Tree Social and Labour Club.

The club, in Brackendale Drive on the Yew Tree Estate on the West Bromwich-Walsall border, was to be replaced with 25 homes.

Now the company has asked the council to renew the consent, but for a smaller project.

Developer Galliford Try Partnerships said it hoped to start work in January.

It now wants to build 20 two, three and four-bedroom family houses on the site, off Broom Road.

Council planning bosses had received a number of objections to the plan.

Many of the objectors in the area said they would rather see the building being used for community activities, or to become a base for social enterprises.

But despite objections, councillors gave the plans the go-ahead.

Pupils hunt out a scoop

A PRIMARY school in West Bromwich is trying to find the next generation of top journalists with a course for gifted and talented writers.

Moorlands Primary, in Winchester Road, is planning a Key Stage 1 course and class teacher Jennifer Capella said: "We are hoping to link the project to the 2012 Olympics and paralympics and are trying to make links with local participants like Dave Heeley and Ellie Simmonds, the swimmer.

"Our aim is that the children will have the experience of being journalists and interviewing the athletes.

"We hope to carry out the project in March or April."

Charity efforts

BLACK Country men Daniel Smith, of Walsall, and Tom Taylor, of West Bromwich, are to do a sky dive on March 30 for Help for Heroes. Yesterday (Wednesday) they held a cake sale at B&Q in Axletree Way, Wednesbury.

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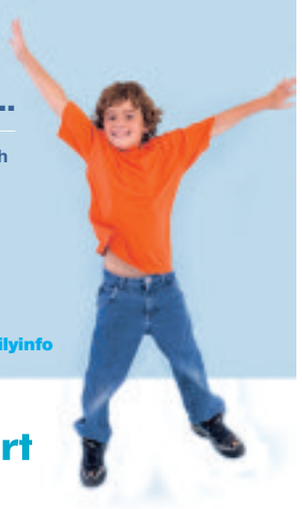

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Council's chief is under fire

THE chief executive of Sandwell Council has been criticised for praising Serco, the private contractor which took over bin collections in 2010.

In his online blog Jan Britton said: "It was always going to take Serco some time to raise the standard, not so much for litter which was already under control...but for detritus and grime – the grey filth in gutters and gulleys, and in the corners where footpaths meet walls – basically the sort of stuff that should respond well to Serco's move from a litter picking regime to an operation based on sweeping.

"The evidence so far shows good progress."

But one response said: "I think you need to get out your office more often Jan. Serco is not working, there are more black bags on the streets not being picked up, bags that have been put out in areas where they don't have bins such as flats above shops. Get a grip Serco."

Mr Britton said: "I'm not suggesting everything is perfect but all of the performance measures are improving. Complaint numbers are decreasing, fewer bins are missed, the borough is cleaner and costs are under control."

Plea to join charity run

FUNDRAISING runners in Sandwell are being urged to enter the Sainsbury's Sport Relief Mile which is being held at Sandwell Valley Park for the second time.

The Sandwell Valley Mile will be held on March 25. Entrants can choose to complete one, three or six miles.

Mandy Williams, from Sandwell Leisure Trust, said: "Last year, the Sandwell Valley Mile had over 500 participants and raised a staggering £6,894.77." Runners can enter by visiting **www.sportrelief.com**

Wizard event

PHOENIX Productions will host an all-singing, all-dancing production of The Wizard of Auz at West Bromwich arts centre The Public next month.

The pantomime, based on the classic tale, will be held on February 10 at 7.30pm. Call 0121 5337161.

Lighting plan to keep park open all year

A PLAN has been launched to improve and extend the lighting at Sandwell Valley Park Farm at night so that its opening hours can be extended.

The plans would see the attraction remain open throughout the winter.

The park, off Salters Lane in West Bromwich, now closes in October and reopens in early March.

But bosses there want to make facilities accessible for longer during the year and have applied to create 37 street lighting columns.

Six of these would be in the tennis courts and six others would illuminate the King George Pavilion car park.

There would be seven columns on the farm car park and the remaining ones would be in the venue's main drive.

The lights would be on from the early evening until 10pm, although this could be extended on special occasions such as over Christmas.

A report submitted to Sandwell Council in support of the application confirmed the lights would enable the park farm and tennis court facilities to be open until 10pm.

The report said: "The new lighting columns would illuminate the main drive, car parks and tennis courts within the Sandwell Valley.

"Lighting the main drive and car parks will improve visibility for both drivers and pedestrians.

"It will also improve the perception of safety for users.

"Lighting the tennis courts will allow this facility to be hired out through the winter."

The columns would be 26ft high. For the main drive, the lanterns would be in a Victorian-style to match existing lighting columns that are already in place adjacent to the farm.

Councillor Derek Rowley, Sandwell's cabinet member for neighbourhood services, said: "A planning application has been made to extend the current lighting infrastructure at Sandwell Valley, to incorporate the newly-refurbished tennis courts, car parking and main drive."

Gang jailed after death of ambushed lorry driver

MEMBERS of a callous gang have been jailed following the robbery of a Polish lorry driver who died of a heart attack after being ambushed.

Bogdan Bartczak's dead body was dragged on to park land off Vale Road in Dudley when he collapsed while his lorry was being robbed.

The men targeted Mr Bartczak's HGV because it contained 227 TVs worth £250,000, Birmingham Crown Court heard.

Father-of-one Mr Bartczak, 57, who suffered from a heart condition, died. He was discovered the day after the robbery, seven miles from his lorry which was abandoned on the Vectra industrial estate in Whites Road, West Bromwich.

Judge Michael Cromwell said Mr Bartczak was "disposed of as if he was a worthless piece of roadkill".

Nine men were jailed for a total of more than 45 years in connection with the crime and other lorry robberies.

Organised

Police today said they had smashed an "incredibly organised" crime ring.

Mystery still surrounds the circumstances of Mr Bartczak's death and how he ended up in Dudley. The gang members have kept silent.

Some of the men had faced kidnap charges but these were dropped due to a lack of evidence. Seven were sentenced for their part in the robbery, while another two faced charges relating to other incidents.

More than 50 gas canisters worth £65,000 were also stolen by three of the gang during a burglary at Air Liquide in Oldbury on October 31 just hours before Mr Bartczak was targeted. And thousands of pounds worth of stolen chewing gum and shoes taken during robberies from lorries in Berkshire and Bromsgrove were later discovered at the properties of five of the men. The defendants all said Mr Bartczak's death was "unintended".

Anthony Kennedy, aged 29, of Bourne Avenue, Tipton, was jailed for six-and-a-half years for robbery and 18 months for handling stolen goods. Phillip Harthill, 31, of Turner Street, West Bromwich, got six and a half years for robbery and 18 months for the burglary of Air Liquide. Neino Scarrett, 23, of New Road, Dudley, was given five-and-a-half-years for robbery and 18 months for handling stolen goods in relation to the chewing gum and shoes.

Daniel Knight, aged 28, of Wednesbury Oak Road, Tipton, got five years and six months for robbery, and 18 months for handling stolen chewing gum and shoes.

Glen Garner, 24, of Beresford Crescent, West Bromwich, was jailed for five years for robbery and 18 months for burglary. A 17-year-old who cannot be named, got two years' youth detention for robbery and a 12-month training order for handling stolen goods, to run concurrently. Robert Warren, 33, of Oak Leasow, Quinton, was jailed for two years for attempted theft from the lorry and 12 months for assisting an offender.

Craig Street, 48, of Bridges Crescent, Cannock, got 16 months in prison for handling stolen chewing gum and footwear.

Martin Payne, 31, of Bleak House Road, Oldbury, got 18 months for the burglary of Air Liquide and two years seven months for burgling a house in Wolverhampton.

All pleaded guilty.

Robbery victim Bogdan Bartczak

Anthony Kennedy got eight years

Phillip Harthill was given eight years

Robert Warren – three years

Daniel Knight – seven years

Neino Scarrett – seven years

Glen Garner – 78 months

NEWS in brief

Boy calls 999 in house fire drama

A YOUNG boy called 999 to report a fire at his home.

The fire started in the kitchen. It gutted the room and caused smoke damage elsewhere. It was feared the young caller, about 12, was trapped but fire crews found he had managed to escape.

It is believed the fire, in Freeman Road, Wednesbury, could have been sparked by cooking left unattended. No-one was injured.

Birth classes for mothers-to-be

SPECIAL "active birth" classes are taking place every Saturday afternoon at Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals Trust's midwife-led birth units.

The classes are open to anyone booked in for a low risk birth at the Halcyon Unit in Smethwick or the Serenity Unit at City Hospital in Birmingham.

The classes at 2-4pm give a guide into the different options for a low risk birth. Call 0121 507 5655.

New gates keep vandalism at bay

A GATING order has made a "real difference" to stop yobs plaguing a street under the M5/M6 interchange.

There have been 15 arson attacks in Ray Hall Lane, Great Barr. The worst one caused £356,000 damage. Councillor Ray Nock said since gates were installed, problems had reduced. CCTV is also being considered.

Theatre group in performers plea

NEW actors are needed to swell the numbers at a theatre group.

Harlequin Youth Theatre and Dance Academy in Great Barr wants new recruits. Based at the Francis Asbury Centre, in Sundial Lane, it meets on Saturday mornings. Call 0121 358 4727.

Car wash to stay

The owners of a car wash in Raglan Road, Smethwick, have been allowed to stay at their Smethwick base. A Mr Singh who runs Puffing Billy car wash applied to Sandwell Council for permission to remain there.

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Shocking behaviour at cemetery

THANK YOU for highlighting the horrendous problem of people driving cars into Heath Lane Cemetery.

A special part of Christmas Day for my extended family is to visit the cemetery as a group on Christmas morning to spend a quiet moment at our relatives' graves.

This year was spoilt beyond belief by a young couple in a car entering from Heath Lane.

They drove behind us and "pipped" their horn.

In response to such disrespect for a cemetery we did not move, mainly because it would mean walking in mud churned up by cars driving on the verge.

Other family groups also refused to move, so the driver drove close the backs of our legs and in fact made contact with one person.

When we got to the end of the pathway one car was parked on the right hand verge with one of its wheels on a grave.

Two weeks later my wife went to a relative's grave and found a car parked on an area that could contain graves.

To those able people who drive in the cemetery I say: "Don't be so idle and disrespectful and walk".

To those who are hounded by these drivers I urge you to write to Sandwell Council and make them see sense, don't forget we have had to buy our burial plots and our opinion should be sought.

Dennis Humphreys,
West Bromwich.

Make the streets safe so children can go out

THE deputy Prime Minster is concerned that today's children are inactive, bored, nothing to do.

He should talk to our generation. We were never bored. We always played out, the boys football, a couple of coats for goal posts, playing till it was dark, the girls, hop scotch, top and whips – all part of the natural way of growing up.

Our parents had no fears even if we walked to our park, again playing till the park keeper rang the bell to close the park. They had peace of mind.

So, until Mr Clegg and any Government return to safe streets, with regular bobbies and real punishments taking away the fears of today's parents, little will change. Will they ever learn?

Bill Archer,
Churchfields Road,
Wednesbury.

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U-turning vehicles creating a hazard

YOU reported recently that plans to ban U-turns at the major Wood Green Road crossroads in Wednesbury are to be scrapped, in spite of local people describing it as an "accident waiting to happen".

Hundreds of vehicles a day do U-turns there. The reason given for scrapping the planned improvements is that no accidents have happened, yet!

And 22 residents in Myvod Road, who bothered to give an opinion, didn't want a ban because extra traffic would go up their road.

How can the wishes of these 22 out of a street of about 80 houses, be considered to be more important than the 1,200 people who petitioned for the ban in the first place?

I've seen many near misses when cars have done U-turns there and I've even seen articulated lorries U-turning.

This is particularly dangerous as the traffic lights are not visible to other motorists until the lorry is clear.

How many accidents have to happen before the agreed amount of money is spent here?

Steve Page,
Elm Avenue, Wednesbury.

Pity the stressed council workers

COUNCIL workers are so stressed with financial problems that they have taken to absenting themselves from the workplace for almost 11 days per year – mostly on Mondays and Fridays.

I worked in the private sector and now pay rates and tax on a small pension which, I suppose, makes me a national contributor to the public workers' pensions (inflation proof) and wages.

Therefore, I'm concerned for them and apologise for not being able to sacrifice a little more to help out.

I hope that a form of counselling can help these unfortunate people with their mental welfare which seems at risk – let's hope they don't take to drinking!

Perhaps if they were paid weekly on Mondays and Fridays their attendance would improve.

G. Pernice,
Smethwick.

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Council plans to cut red tape for street traders

INDEPENDENT businesses will be able to trade on every street in Sandwell under council plans to cut red tape.

Council bosses will consider whether to make every road a "consent street" from April 1.

A consent street means traders apply to the council wherever they want to set up shop in the borough and subsequently ask for a licence from the authority. Bosses will decide on the move on February 13.

Advantages of the scheme include reducing red tape for traders, and creating a clearer system to monitor new businesses to avoid rogue traders.

Councillor Derek Rowley, cabinet member for neighbourhood services, said: "The idea of making streets in Sandwell consent streets is to help streamline the process for finding new sites for street traders.

"This will reduce bureaucracy and, therefore, cost, but will maintain the council's ability to control traders.

"Where suitable sites and traders can be found, the process to get them up and running would be much quicker."

Councillor Rowley added: "This is also in line with the national review which called for councils to open up high streets to more street trading."

Retail expert Mary Portas warned last month many of the UK's high streets may be lost unless shops and councils work together to regenerate them. Her 28 recommendations to the Government to boost flagging shopping prospects included relaxing red tape for traders, and relaxing licensing rules for markets.

Library's plea for toy stories

Development officer Stuart Lane, at Wednesbury Museum and Art Gallery, appealing for toys from the 1990s to the present day

TOYS from the 90s are being sought by Wednesbury Museum and Art Gallery is having a revamp.

The upstairs galleries have been repainted and staff have turned their attention to the family room.

They want to put together a display of toys and their owners' stories about how and when they played with them.

The gallery has toys from Victorian times and popular items from the 80s, but more recent toys are still needed.

Development Officer Stuart Lane said the library was looking for donations or loans of anything to do with Toy Story, In The Night Garden or Harry Potter.

To donate call 0121 556 0683.

Soccer pair in TV show

WEST BROMWICH ALBION full back Billy Jones and ex-Aston Villa striker Dion Dublin are to star in a TV football show. Season two of Goalmouth kicks off on Disney XD on February 23 at 5pm.

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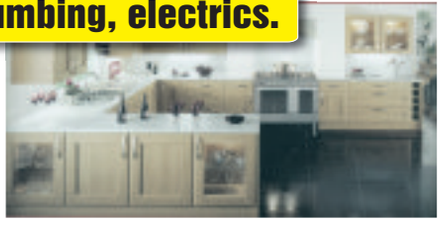

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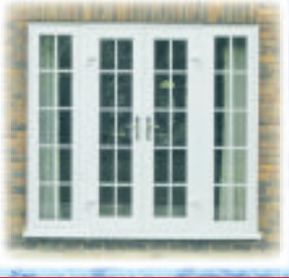

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Fountain to get new park home

AN historic fountain in West Bromwich town centre is to be moved to a nearby park.

The Farley Fountain in High Street in what used to be Dartmouth Square, is to be dismantled and moved to Dartmouth Park.

Before it is rebuilt at the park's entrance it will be restored. Subject to planning permission and funding, Sandwell Council chiefs plan to place it on a plinth. It will be lit at night.

The entrance to the park is to be revamped this year, and it is hoped that the fountain will act as a link between the town centre, which is undergoing regeneration, and the park.

It is hoped funding can be gained from the town centre redevelopment plan.

The fountain was given to the borough by Alderman Reuben Farley in 1885, in memory of his mother Elizabeth. It was originally in Dartmouth Square. It was moved to the Farley Centre in High Street in 1988.

Carol Hartill, Secretary of the Friends of Dartmouth Park group, said: "The fountain is going to be moved from the town centre, we just hope the funding can be found to relocate it."

Avis set to grow

CAR hire firm Avis is looking to expand again in the West Midlands, having opened at 21 locations in the region last year. The expansion has included sites in , Stourbridge, Kidderminster, Walsall, and West Bromwich.

Staff boost school

Pupil Sarah Downing with some of the books

A SANDWELL school has been given more than 300 books by Sainsbury staff.

Store staff wanted to strengthen their links with Meadows Hall Sports College, in Oldbury. They have already backed its sensory garden project, and the school allowed Sainsbury's workers to use its facilities as part of a paralympic event.

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Firm's skill and passion win Olympic torch deal

OLYMPIC success is heading to the Black Country. A Wednesbury foundry won a deal to cast parts for the London 2012 Olympic torch.

Alucast, which employs more than 100 people at its Western Way base, has been chosen by Coventry-based Premier Group to manufacture the top and bottom caps after impressing with its technical expertise.

The company is responsible for tooling, machining and polishing using gravity casting technology to produce the aluminium components that hold in place the inner and outer skin of the torch.

More than 15 employees are involved in the contract, ranging from design and technical staff to the quality department and experienced casters. Full production is underway.

Tony Sartorius and Gez Halton of the Premier Group, with a torch

Prototypes

Tony Sartorius, managing director of Alucast, said: "This is fantastic news for everyone involved in our business.

"It shows the manufacturing capabilities we have in the West Midlands and is a great example of the positive impact the Olympics can have on all areas of the UK."

Designed by East Londoners Edward Barber and Jay Osgerby, the torch is 800mm high and features 8,000 perforated circles to represent each one of the inspirational runners on the Olympic relay planned to mark the opening of London 2012.

The Premier Group beat off international competition to secure the contract to manufacture the torch and has been responsible for setting up a supply chain to deliver the project on time, on budget and to the exacting design and quality standards expected by the London Organising Committee.

The Premier Group approached Alucast after it was recommended by a business partner and was impressed with the foundry's passion for the project, its flexibility in supplying prototypes for testing and its track record in engineering solutions.

Gez Halton, manufacturing director at the Premier Group, said: "The parts supplied by Alucast are two of the most important components of the torch and we needed to work with a company that understood the design and could deliver the parts to the required finish on time.

"After the first meeting, we knew we had found the right partner and the fact they are based locally helps with project management."

This latest contract marks an impressive period for Alucast and follows on from an existing order to supply complex components to the resurgent Norton Motorcycles.

Investment in a new machining shop has seen it take on a host of new customers and the firm expects to reach nearly £8m of annual sales by the end of the year.

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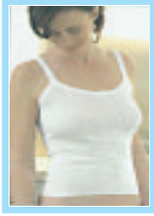

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Signed photographs from Bing Crosby, who was friendly to the staff, comedy duo Laurel and Hardy and Chico Marx, one of the Marx Brothers

Bert, front right, with his arms folded when he worked at the Hippodrome

Bert Walker who worked at the Hippodrome

The days when Bert shone light on Hippodrome stars

BERT Walker put Hollywood stars, quite literally, in the spotlight when they graced the stage of one of the Midland's most popular theatres.

MEMORY LANE

By Andrew Turton

The Black Country lad rubbed shoulders with some of the greats from the world of entertainment when he worked at Dudley Hippodrome. Bert was just a teenager when he landed his much-loved job as a lighting technician.

And now, following his death at the age of 81, his sister Veronica has opened up his treasured photograph album which reveal his collection of memories from the world of showbiz.

Personalised signed photographs and beloved pictures taken by his colleagues feature in the album, which Bert handed over to his sister before he died last month.

"He never forgot his time at the Dudley Hippodrome as he'd absolutely loved his life there," says the grandmother-of-one who lives in Bearwood. Bert grew up on Dudley's Wrens Nest estate, attending Wrens Nest Primary School and the former Park School.

The Hippodrome opened on December 19, 1938, as a twice-nightly theatre. It regularly attracted packed houses for plays, variety shows, musicals and pantos starring such acts as Harry Secombe and The Eric Winstone Band.

In 1945, when he was still a teenager, Bert started work in the theatre's 'spotbox'. The role involved managing the spotlight as it followed performers on stage.

For starstruck Bert, each show brought another celebrity performer to the theatre during its 1940s heyday.

One show he would be working for legendary comedian Bob Hope, next it would be lighting the piano for Chico Marx. Judy Garland had been one of his favourites despite her young age, describing her as "a sweet kid".

Singer Tessie O'Shea was also one of his highlights as was Bing Crosby, who had been "very friendly" to all the staff. Dozens of signed photographs were collected by Bert as stars thanked him for his work on their shows.

By 1949 Bert had begun dreaming of the bright lights of Hollywood lighting stage shows and motion pictures. He moved to America in 1952 but after he married he gave up on those dreams.

The writing was on the wall for the Dudley Hippodrome not long after. The growing popularity of television and films was blamed for the slow decline in attendances and it finally closed in 1964.

After a number of entertainment venture,rGala converted it in 1992 into a bingo hall, which it remained September 2009.

It now stands boarded up with its future unclear.

Judy Garland, who Bert described as a sweet kid

From the album, George Formby, left, and Frankie Howerd

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Firm gives backing to plan for £10m technical college

A SMETHWICK firm is working on plans for a £10million college specialising in engineering and manufacturing in the Black Country.

A University Technical College (UTC) could open in the heart of Dudley as early as 2014 if a bid for Government funding is successful.

It would be built on land off Priory Road, cater for up to 600 students aged 14 to 19 and employ 50 staff.

Dudley College is working with Aston University and two Black Country firms – Smethwick-based The Hadley Group and the Thomas Dudley Group. A bid for cash for the project has been submitted to the Department of Education and a decision will be made by Easter.

Officials say the Aston University Technical College Dudley would provide pupils with the skills necessary for a career in product design and manufacturing. Students would have real industry challenges and regular experience of work to give them practical experience.

Principal of Dudley College, Lowell Williams said: "This is a fantastic opportunity for Dudley. "If we're successful our new UTC will focus young people on science, technology, engineering and maths, and enterprise skills.

"Aston University's technological expertise and specialist research will be used in the development and delivery of the curriculum."

Professor Julia King, vice-chancellor of Aston University, said: "I believe it will have a significant impact on raising the aspirations of young people in the region."

Alongside vocational qualifications, students would take GCSE or A-level courses, and work placements would be provided by The Hadley Group and The Thomas Dudley Group, who would also run master classes. The plans follow the opening of the Black Country University Technical College in Bloxwich in September.

Centro boss dismisses fears of parking charges

FEARS that parking charges could be introduced at Wednesbury Parkway park and ride car park have been allayed by Centro.

There were concerns that fees could be in the pipeline after a survey was carried out, asking motorists how they would feel about having to pay to park their cars.

But now Centro media manager Steve Swingler has said: "There are no proposals to introduce a charge at our park and ride sites.

"We have simply been conducting passenger satisfaction surveys about our station assets."

Mr Swingler explained that the survey asked for people's opinions on safety and security, cleanliness and maintenance.

He added: "These surveys also provide us with crucial information about how people use car parks at stations, and which ones may benefit from having more free parking spaces."

Mr Swingler added: "We believe that free parking helps attract more people on to local trains and trams."

That switch to public transport and away from private cars was cutting the traffic congestion which was costing the West Midlands economy more than £2.3 billion a year, he said.

Centro is currently considering a £1.2 million extension of the Wednesbury Parkway Midland Metro stop, which would add 128 spaces on top of the 142 already in place.

Sporting challenge

Tipton Swimming Centre staff and members of Oldbury Swimming Club with the 2011 award the event won

TIPTON Swimming Centre's third annual Aquathlon in March will present a unique sporting challenge.

The event combines swimming and running with a variety of competitions for all age groups from eight upwards.

The Queen's Road centre will be hosting the event from 12pm to 4pm on March 18. The running section of the competition will be held at neighbouring Victoria Park.

Entry is £8 for adults and £5 for children under 16. Free training sessions held by Triathlon England at the centre from 1pm to 4pm on January 29, February 19 and March 4. Weekly training sessions are also available at the centre with Oldbury Swimming and Triathlon Club between 9pm and 10pm on Wednesday evenings.

Spokeswoman Lisa Rashid said: "Sign up for the Aquathlon and give your new year's resolution to keep fit a kick start!"

Last year, the Tipton Aquathlon won the West Midlands event of the year. To register, visit www.entrycentral.com or call 0845 659 4815.

£850,000 initiative to get jobless into work

MORE than £850,000 will be spent on a new initiative to help get Sandwell's jobless back into work.

Sandwell Council secured funding of £435,000 from the European Regional Development Fund, and has matched that amount, to set up the Sandwell Employment Network.

The Sandwell Employment Network will see six local voluntary and community organisations each employ an outreach worker.

The organisations will provide advice for job seekers including help with job applications and support for people looking to start their own business.

They will work closely with the council's Think Local Employment and Skills Team, and will connect the Sandwell Employment Network and its clients to give access to work opportunities.

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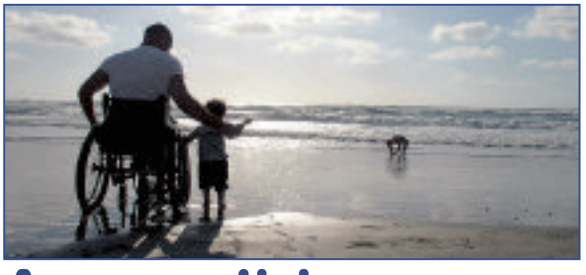

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Fairytale journey through those classic moments

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The show is running from Wednesday, March 14 until Sunday, March 18.

As part of the prize, two adults and two children will get the chance to attend the opening night of the show, which promises to take audiences on a fairytale journey through some of the most classic moments in Disney history. Hosted by Tinkerbell, the ice spectacular will see eight Disney princesses see their wishes come true with help from their devoted princes.

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Rapunzel will fulfil her dream of escaping the tower and see the floating lights; while Tiana celebrates her ambitions of owning a restaurant down in New Orleans.

Ambitions

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Purse-snatcher chased down by passing runner

TWO DRUG addicts who robbed a vulnerable 81-year-old woman as she walked along a Stourbridge street have been locked up.

The woman was in The Broadway when Dean Huxley and Tara North approached her , Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

The pensioner was pushed off balance as her purse containing just £5 and some change was snatched. Just weeks later, Huxley stole a purse from an 85-year old-woman in Union Street, Stourbridge.

The court heard he laughed as he ran away but the woman called for help and a passing runner chased after 37-year-old Huxley and held him until police arrived.

Judge Martin Walsh branded the crimes "utterly mean and despicable.

Afraid

In a victim impact statement, the 81-year-old said she felt utterly distressed after the purse snatch, her confiednce had suffered and she was now afraid to leave her home.

Huxley, of New Street, Dudley, admitted robbery and theft and was jailed for three years. North, 20 of Stickley Lane, Lower Gornal, pleaded guilty to robbery and was given two years in custody.

The offences were carried out to fuel their drug addiction and the two women were seen as "easy victims", Judge Walsh said.

Mr David Lees, prosecuting, said North had 47 previous offences and Huxley 39.

Miss Samantha Powis, defending North, said she needed help to deal with her drug problem. Mr Malcolm Fowler, for Huxley, said he had been "desperate" for drugs.

In the swim of things

YOUNGSTERS can splash out with an intensive beginners' swimming course at Dudley Leisure Centre. The centre is running a five-day swimming course from February 13 for beginners aged five and over. The sessions, which include tuition from qualified instructors, introduce children to water in a fun and relaxed way. Call the centre on 01384 812800.

School's charity challenge

Rebecca Franks, Amelia Stubbs, Hayley Moss and Leyla Palmer with Claire Cresswell, front, launching the charity appeal

STUDENTS and staff at The Kingswinford School are on the hunt for a charity to support during a series of fundraising events to mark the Olympics.

They are organising sponsored activities to celebrate London 2012 and want to support a good cause.

As well the sponsored events, students at the Water Street school will take part in a week of Olympic-style team building activities. The school hopes to raise at least £2,500 and teacher Rebecca Franks wants local local charities to bid for the money.

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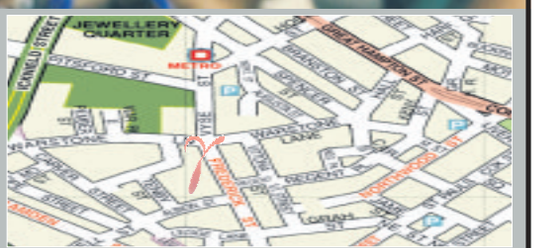

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Judge moved by words of burglary victim's widow

A JUDGE said he was nearly moved to tears by the statement of a widow whose husband died after he was attacked by a neighbour 25 years his junor.

Burglar Gordon Whitehouse punched his elderly neighbour in the face as he burst into his home. He has been sentened to nine years in jail.

Whitehouse, aged 46, entered 71-year-old David Peniket's West Bromwich home in May last year. Mr Peniket died shortly afterwards from a heart attack.

Whitehouse, who lived in the same street, Bedford Road, targeted Mr Peniket and his wife Marcia, because they were elderly

Mrs Peniket told the court the raider, armed with an imitation firearm, forced his way in and knocked them both to the floor.

In a recorded interview shown to the jury, the 75-year-old said: "The bell went and the dog started barking. David went to open the door. I told him to be careful. He had his foot by the door but the man pushed it open. I came out to see what happened and he knocked us both on the floor."

She said her husband's glasses were knocked off and she was held on the ground.

The jury was told Mr Peniket had a pre-existing heart condition and could have died at any time. Whitehouse was guilty of aggravated burglary and possession of an imitation firearm.

Judge Justice Alistair Macduff told Whitehouse that it was a "wicked offence", adding; "The victim impact statement I have read almost moves me to tears."

Kitten abandoned in box

Wednesbury Animal Sanctuary's Joyce Clarke with Maisy who needs a new home after being found abandoned in a cardboard box

AN eight-week-old kitten needs a home after being abandoned in a cardboard box in a Wednesbury park.

The black and white kitten, since named Maisy, was found in a box, punctured with holes, but sealed up in Brunswick Park.

She has been looked after at West Midlands Animal Welfare in Wednesbury for the past few weeks and now that her confidence is returning, owner Joyce Clarke is looking to find her a loving home.

Call the welfare centre on (0121) 502 5027.

Eat healthy call

SANDWELL Council's schools boss is supporting a scheme to improve the diet of youngsters, including a breakfast pilot scheme at Victoria Infants School, Tipton. Councillor Bob Badham said: "Good, healthy food enables children to stay more alert at school and stops them from getting unfit and overweight."

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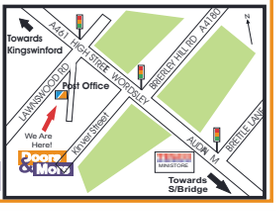

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Fortnight in Italy for just £48

ALDRIDGE TWG

OUR sales table and the craft table selling hand made cards raised a grand total of £261 which was donated to guild funds.

We had a talk from John Austin on Camping in Italy with the Scouts in 1966.

This proved to be most amusing, with John telling us about his adventure starting from Pleck Methodist Church, being waved off by the Mayor of Walsall, churchgoers and parents.

The cost of the trip for each scout was £48, and prior to the two-week trip most of the scouts took weekly Italian lessons.

They hired a minibus which took them 3,000 miles, had wooden slatted seats each side with scouts sitting knee to knee, and a portable toilet made from an oildrum stored on the roof along with the tents.

Several mishaps happened on the way to Bologna including broken sunglasses, a new Gaz tilley lamp, a wing mirror and an accelerator cable.

The journey took them via France and Germany during World Cup matches. The scouts all wore a Union Jack badge on their shirts and had their photograph taken with the local Mayor.

After so much travelling and setbacks they had little time to stay in Italy, but they all had a wonderful time and enjoyed their adventure

The scouts went again in 1967 and 1968.

Club hands £400 to hospice team

Harold Foster, right, presents cheques for £400 to Simon Cater and Sally Woods, fundraisers for Compton Hospice, after his year as Probus president

PROBUS CLUB WEDNESFIELD

PROBUS Club of Wednesfield was pleased to welcome Mr Simon Cater and Ms Sally Woods from Compton Hospice, Wolverhampton.

The president's charity for 2011 raised a total of £400, and the immediate past president, Harold Foster, and Probus members had great pleasure in presenting the cheques to Simon and Sally at the club's January meeting.

Best wishes were expressed for their future fundraising and for the hospice.

Simon and Sally spoke of the work at Compton Hospice, and the help they can give patients, carers and relatives.

A further presentation was made to Arthur Windsor to show the Probus club's appreciation for more than 22 years in office as treasurer.

Annual sub raised to £25

WOLLASTON 'E' TWG

OWING to increases in certain areas, the annual subscription will be raised to £25, due in February, and the monthly attendance fee to £1.30 from March.

The arts and crafts group will meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday in the month from 2pm-4pm. The ramblers should contact Jill Dunn regarding venues and times, and "Tea and Talents" will meet on the 3rd Monday of the month from 2pm-4pm.

There followed discussion on how to celebrate the annual dinner – or should it be an outing? A vote on this will take place at the next meeting. The minutes secretary has announced her retirement and a replacement must be found – also a new committee member, both to be settled at the AGM in March.

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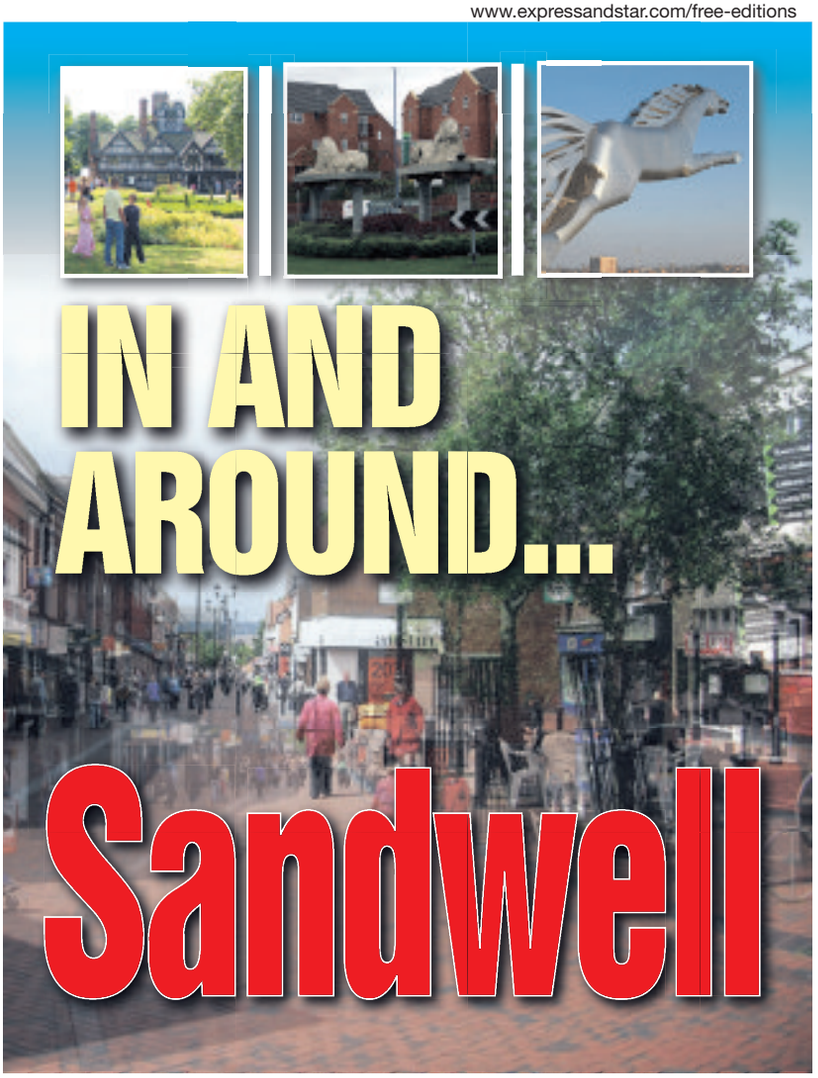

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Prospective students in rush to apply for college

THE number of applications for courses at Sandwell College soared by 70 per cent last month compared with the same time last year.

Staff have been so inundated with applications for courses starting in September 2012 that they had to suspend an advice service in January to process the backlog.

The college will move into its impressive new £77 million building – dubbed The Big Dipper due to its curved design – in Spon Lane, West Bromwich, within weeks.

It has seen about 2,000 applications for courses come in during January, with almost half of them arriving in one week.

The figure dwarfs the total number of applications submitted in January 2011 and delighted bosses are putting the rise down to the impending opening of the building and new sixth form, which will allow the college to provide AS and A-level courses.

College spokesman Stephen Clarke said: "We are very pleased with the number and the standard of applications that have come in. Every single course in the college has seen an increase in applications.

"Staff on our advice and guidance team had to dedicate two full days simply to log the applications that were being received."

Mr Clarke said that potential students should get their applications in early as there is a risk some subjects will have their capacity capped before the end of the academic year.

Pupils mean business

Lyng Primary School pupils Harvey Suwyari, seven, and Jessica Baker, aged 11, show items which were made for their trade fair

YOUNG business bosses of the future from West Bromwich got to test their entrepreneurial skills as part of a finance project.

Pupils from The Lyng Primary School made products including cakes, artwork and pencil pots and sold them to parents at a trade fair. The youngsters, aged between four and 10, are now voting on how to spend the money they made.

Classes can choose to buy individual activities or pool the money to buy something to benefit the entire school in Horton Street.

Land review call

CONSERVATIVE councillors in Sandwell are calling for a review of land originally used for housing which has been left unused. Councillor Ray Nock, leader of the Tory group, has called for an audit of all land used for housing which was demolished and not put back into service within 15 years.

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Symphony of praise for venue's anniversary

STANDING tall in the centre of Britain's second city, the Symphony Hall has been a beacon for the biggest musical names for 21 years.

The music of pop icons and classical legends, and top comedians have all been part of an eclectic line-up.

The man at the helm, director of the Town Hall and Symphony Hall Andrew Jowett, took some time from his busy schedule to chat about the history behind the venue.

"It's one of the most significant buildings ever to be built in Birmingham," he says. "It was one of the major leaders in the regeneration of the city centre back in the 80s."

Mr Jowett, aged 61, of Pershore, Worcestershire, joined the Symphony Hall crew in November 1988, nearly three years before it opened to the public.

The hall in Birmingham still looks as modern as it did 21 years ago

Director Andrew Jowett

CHARLOTTE CROSS looks back at the 21 years of the Symphony Hall

Skilled

He spent the next few months bringing together a skilled behind-the-scenes team and making sure the best names in the business knew what the hall had to offer.

It opened on April 15, 1991, welcoming 4,000 people to two concerts by the resident City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Simon Rattle.

The successful first night was followed by the weekend-long youth festival, with Prince Edward gracing the event.

"The building worked from the word go. The minute we heard the first notes in the hall we knew it worked," Mr Jowett says.

"The biggest problem for most concert halls is that classical, orchestral music sounds fantastic, but amplified music just doesn't work. But we have the facility to change the reverberation and acoustics of the room which makes it work.

"We can host Billy Connolly one night and Die Meistersingers the next. Liza Minnelli has played here, we have the Christmas carol concerts, and we have Lord of the Dance coming up in March."

The building is still as good as new. This has been achieved by making much of the interior concrete and granite, with the wooden-look panels, actually timber veneer burned on to concrete, to help both with acoustics and longevity.

Since the doors opened to the public it has hosted famous faces off the stage as well as on.

When the G8 conference came to the city in 1998, Tony Blair, Bill Clinton and Jacques Chirac spent one evening at a concert at the hall. Smaller concerts and lesser-known names are not overlooked, either.

Hundreds of people flood into the foyer bar for the free music events held there, including the weekly Rush Hour Blues event on a Friday night, and the monthly Sax in the City jazz concert.

Wolverhampton star Beverley Knight has performed there five times over the past six years. She says: "It's like the Albert Hall in terms of prestige, but has better acoustics. When you're on that stage looking out at the audience it really feels like something special."

Among the regulars are Welsh male voice choir Only Men Aloud. Member Tim Rhys Evans says: ""To think of the greats who've stood on that stage before you is humbling. She's still looking good after 21 years."

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Three new tenants to move in at outlet park

AN Indian restaurant, hair and beauty salon and budget general store are on their way to Astle Outlet Park in West Bromwich.

by Simon Penfold

Bond Wolfe, the West Bromwich property company that owns the site just off High Street, is celebrating a good start to the year with a hat-trick of new tenants. It comes on top of Bond Wolfe's successful sale of next-door Astle House, the listed building that was once offices of Black Country printers Kenrick & Jefferson.

Discussions are continuing with Sandwell Council planners about a proposed refurbishment of the site.

The most recent deals have seen Bond Wolfe, owned by Black Country property tycoon Paul Bassi, help the Mumtaz restaurant move from its former High Street site, which is to form part of the new Eastern Gateway regeneration project.

Mumtaz, which already has four restaurants across the region, has taken a 10-year lease at the outlet park.

Only 99p, a discount general store, has moved into 2,870 sq ft of space, also on a 10-year lease, and, after opening before Christmas, has reported an "excellent" start to trade.

The third letting is to hair and beauty specialist Serenity Beauty, which has signed up to a five-year lease.

Bond Wolfe managing partner James Mattin said: "All have taken their units on empty and have fitted them out to a high standard. Only 99p and Serenity Beauty were attracted after one large unit was split. We managed to create two lettings and fill void space that had been empty since construction."

Existing stores include Marks & Spencer, GAP, Nike and Next.

New home for club

Line dance teachers Dee and Ray Brookes, of Tipton, at Charlemont Bowling Club which has a new home

A LINE dancing club with 38 members which has raised hundreds of pounds for charity over the years has found a new home in the Black Country.

The club used to meet at Greets Green Club in Whitehall Road, West Bromwich, but has had to find a different base after new management took over.

Now, the weekly Tuesday dance classes will be held at Charlemont Bowling Club, Charlemont Road. It is run by Ray Brookes, a grandfather-of-three from Tipton. Walsall's Forest Arts Centre, in Leamore, also hosts sessions on Monday afternoons before another class at All Saints Church, Walsall Road, Darlaston, on Monday evenings.

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There's hope for the silent sufferers

It's hard to imagine after losing natural teeth things could ever be quite the same again.

Denture wearers for too long have often tolerated a catalogue of unresolved problems from poor stabilisation, where prosthetics move on the gums, to an inability to eat a healthy diet.

Added to the physical challenges are the carefully hidden embarrassing moments and the restrictions of being able to live life impulsively. These issues are further compounded for some by an emotionally corrosive inability to smile feely.

Denturist Steven Burchell DipCDT RCS (Eng), who heads the team at the Denture Clinic in North Street, Dudley, says: "For some, losing teeth is life changing and not for the better."

But he is keen to send out a message of hope to the silent sufferers with four major treatment models now available at his clinic aimed at reversing "an untold catalogue of misfortunes" and restoring a warm and engaging smile.

Added to the comprehensive clinical toolbox of solutions – which includes traditional dentures; a cleverly designed suction denture which is held in place by tiny diaphragms creating a vacuum between the gums and teeth; and implant retained dentures – is a system known as All-on-4.

In this feature we take a snapshot of each procedure and in accessible language explain the clinical options available from Mr Burchell and his team.

Transformations

And coming soon, the clever teeth you don't have to take out to clean . . .

REMOVABLE DENTURES

ARE they real, or are they false? With cutting-edge technology it's hard to know the difference between natural teeth and clever dentures.

Clinic principal Steve Burchell, whose work has attracted interest from as far as away as Spain, the Isle of Skye, Eastbourne and North Wales, is driving hard a message of hope, which is helping to change the image of false teeth and the people who wear them.

Mr Burchell DipCDT RCS(Eng), says: "It's my experience that there are too many people putting up with ill-fitting dentures. With lips that are pinched, lower dentures with excessive mobility allowing food ingression between the plate and the gums, sore spots and teeth that do not function well, it's no wonder so many wearers feel at a loss in their search for solutions to their problems.

But the clinician, who has earned a country-wide reputation as a 'smile mechanic', is buoyant about the future for solutions with dentures.

He passionately embraces what her calls "the denture revolution" offering traditional denture wearers precise fittings with the latest injection moulding techniques and natural-looking teeth that are functional too.

"We desperately want people to know there is a solution for most problems. The clinic has a vast wealth of experience to draw upon and we promise to give as much time as people need to resolve issues with the best clinical outcomes," Mr Burchell adds.

IMPLANT RETAINED

A GROWING number of satisfied patients have found a renewed confidence by ditching their traditional dentures for implant retained dentures.

The procedure that became an established form of dentistry in the United States in recent years can now be carried out with the Denture Clinic – and the transition can mean new teeth, which can function just as if they were your own.

Fixed with small titanium screw-like mechanisms that are set, and eventually fused into the bone, they act an effective substitute for the roots of your missing teeth.

Implantologist, Mr Jon Pugh BDS MSc, with whom the clinic has a long-established working relationship, undertakes all the surgical procedures.

Research reveals that as little as two dental implants in the lower jaw will significantly stabilise the prosthetic. A similar procedure can secure the upper teeth, normally with four implant fixings.

The dentures can be snapped on and off their fixings by the patient and provide a guaranteed solution for stabilisation problems.

Advantages include a harmonious fit with gums, the possibility of improved speech and taste, natural chewing function and bite, no more tilting and the end of pressure spot discomfort, restored chewing ability, improved diet, the end of further jaw bone erosion and the smile of your dreams.

ALL-ON-4

A treatment pioneered in Portugal that offers denture wearers teeth that never have to be taken out for cleaning is arriving at the clinic in the New Year. Known as All-on-4, the system embraces implant technology with just four securing post supporting a titanium framework of teeth.

ULTRA SUCTION

The Ultra Suction system is suitable for both upper and lower prosthetics

Suction offers a new solution

A cutting-edge development to help resolve the stability problems faced by thousands of denture wearers is being offered at the Denture Clinic.

The invention has the potential to improve the life quality of patients who have previously experienced long-term problems with ill-fitting dentures.

Prosthetics are held in place by tiny valve-operated suction devices which are built into the dentures.

A clever diaphragms principle, triggered by the bite pressure on patients' gums, creates a 'sucking' vacuum between the soft-tissue mouth lining and the prosthetic.

Expectations

Mr Burchell, whose clinic attracts patients from as far as Spain, the Isle of Skye and the Isle of Anglesey, adds: "The denture revolution is evolving at a pace. In recent times we have seen what I can only describe as strident steps forward with implant-retained dentures coming into main-stream dentistry, clever technology which allows excellent fitting outcomes and now the Ultra Suction product.

"Implant dentistry is not suitable for everyone, neither is it all patients' first preference. The beauty of this technology from New Zealand is that it offers excellent denture retainer qualities without surgery.

"We have always endeavoured to be on the very cusp of clinical development and this is another tool in our commitment to always try to deliver results which are greater than patient expectations," adds Mr Burchell.

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Meet your Doom or learn how to Quarrel

RETRO gamers will delight in the return of trend-setting shooter Doom to Xbox Live Arcade.

The 20-year-old shoot-'em-up looks and sounds its age – it's tinny hard rock soundtrack has become legend – but that's part of its charm for nostalgic gamers, alongside the chance to lay waste to hordes of monsters via an arsenal of hefty weapons.

Take it online for a fast and furious match or team up with a friend. It costs 400 Microsoft points.

Those more into brain than brawn should check out Quarrel, an addictive new game on XBLA which combines Scrabble-like wordplay with strategy.

Challenge contestants and win their territory with higher scoring words. Cute animation and sound effects add to the fun, and it will even adopt your avatar. You can take on real world opponents online. 400 Microsoft points. **LB**

Guitarist gig

FORMER Genesis guitarist Steve Hackett is at Bilston's Robin 2 venue on Saturday, February 25, as part of his Breaking Waves tour in support of his album Beyond The Shrouded Horizon and single Til These Eyes. Call (01902) 401211 for tickets.

Musical blockbusters to banish the winter blues

THE feel-good factor will be high at two of the West Midlands' major theatres this month with the arrival of a pair of hit musicals, Sister Act and South Pacific.

None (or, indeed, nun) can deny the wide appeal of Whoopi Goldberg's Sister Act, which played to more than a million people during its run at the London Palladium, and is still a big success on Broadway.

The soulful musical about a disco diva who takes refuge in a convent after witnessing a gangland slaying features a score by multi-Oscar winning songwriter Alan Menken, the man behind Disney's best recent movie music. The story has been written by part of the team behind classic TV sitcom Cheers.

Hairdresser on the run Deloris is played by rising star Cynthia Erivo and former Coronation Street actress Denise Black plays the Mother Superior who she clashes with. Another soap star, Michael Starke, who was loveable rogue Sinbad in Brookside, will be taking holy orders to portray the Monsignor.

Sister Act opens at the Grand on Tuesday, February 7, and runs until Saturday, February 8.

There will be some enchanted evenings at Birmingham's New Alexandra from February 7 to 18 when Rodgers and Hammerstein classic South Pacific arrives after a run at London's Barbican Theatre.

Former Game On and EastEnders actress Samantha Womack will play nurse Nellie Forbush, who falls in love with a French planter, while she is serving at a US Navy base on a Polynesian island under threat of attack by Imperial Japan.

Former Phantom Matthew Cammelle will play the Frenchman and Broadway star Loretta Ables Sayre will play the formidable 'Bloody' Mary.

The hit songs include Happy Talk, Younger Than Springtime, Bali Ha'i, I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Outa My Hair and, of course, There Is Nothin' Like A Dame.

Samantha Womack as Nellie Forbush in South Pacific, which will be arriving at the New Alexandra Theatre in Birmingham next week

Dynamic dancing

A DYNAMIC dance production comes to Wolverhampton's Arena venue tomorrow evening (Friday).

Layers Of Skin by Retina Dance Company combines the company's bold and challenging choreography with music from Belgian rock ensemble Aranis. Tickets cost £9 (concessions available). Call (01902) 321321.

It's a kind of magic ovation

One Night of Queen, Wolverhampton Grand

GARRY Mullen brought legendary Queen frontman Freddie Mercury back to life in a two-hour energy-filled One Night of Queen concert that had the audience dancing in the aisles.

A packed Grand showed their appreciation with cheers and whistles for every song.

Backed by a crack four-piece band, Mullen had an uncanny ability to connect with the audience like he's the real deal.

His voice was hampered at times by a cold but the sweat poured from him as he postured and camped it in true Mercury style. The audience gave him a standing ovation.

The entire show is summed up in the title of one of the songs, It's A Kind Of Magic.

Les Jowett

Yin and yang in perfect harmony

Chinese State Circus, Wolverhampton Civic Hall

THE talented Chinese State Circus gave their all with their Yin Yang performance at the Civic Hall in Wolverhampton, it was just a shame that there weren't a lot more people there to see it.

But those few hundred who did witness the wonderful spectacle were suitably enthusiastic and, apart from a few slip-ups, particularly in the skipping rope section, everything was very impressive.

The entertainment included human juggling, the Chinese poles, the legendary bicycle act where 12 artistes manoeuvre on a single bicycle, foot juggling with drums and the hoop divers. Another slight slip-up there but the performer got a huge cheer when on his second attempt he got it right. Iit makes you wonder if this is actually staged to happen.

Formidable

All this action is teamed with a captivating and atmospheric all-girl group of live musicians.

This was the UK premiere of Yin Yang , part of a 37-date theatre tour that takes them the length and breadth of the UK promoting a performance from the formidable Shaolin Warrior, known only as The One. People watched in awe he lay on a bed of nails while a concrete slab was broken on his chest. Ouch!

The show – as in the meaning of yin yang, two complementary forces in the universe, masculine and feminine – showcased the different skills of the different sexes and how well they worked together. Nowhere was this better seen than in the 'ballet' section where the girl stood on her tiptoes on the man's head as he turned around on stage.

Sue Attwater

New Smiley is Oscar worthy

SIR Alec Guinness is a hard act to follow but Gary Oldham succeeds him as spycatcher George Smiley with such sombre grace that his Oscar nomination seems justified for **Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy (15)**.

Smiley is brought out of retirement to hunt a double agent at the heart of the British establishment in John le Carre's Cold War novel, previously a 1979 BBC TV series with the actor knight.

Now film director Tomas Alfredson has faithfully recreated the 1970s atmosphere in his version. This tense cerebral chess game between East and West benefits from excellent performances, not only from Oldham, but Sherlock star Benedict Cumberbatch as his young assistant, and chief suspects Toby Young and Colin Firth.

Tinker Tailor is now available on DVD, Blu-ray and for download.

Leon Burakowski

Fancy fret work

Rodrigo y Gabriela and Cuba – Area 52

THE Mexican guitar duo add to their frenetic fancy fret work – as much influenced by heavy metal as flamenco – with the brass and percussion of a 13-piece Hispanic big band on their latest album.

Anoushka Shankar lends her sitar to one track, as one of several guests. Despite passion, there is a tendency towards pleasant noodling jazz rock. **LB**

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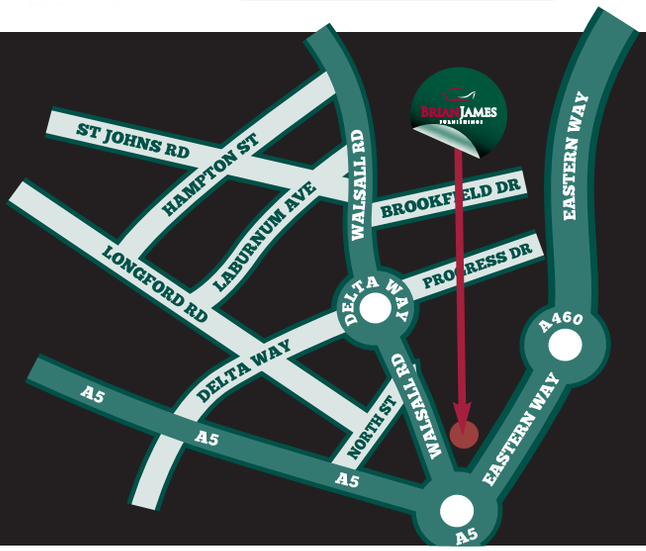

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Choice

MRS BROWN'S BOYS

BBC1, 9.30pm

In mid-January, Mrs Brown's Boys was tenth highest rated BBC One show of the week, with more than six million viewers tuning in – that doesn't include all the extra viewers who caught it on iPlayer. Does it deserve such high viewing figures? Well, that's open to question, but if the sight of latterday Old Mother Riley Brendan O'Carroll in drag tickles your funnybone, then you won't want to miss this final helping in which Agnes tries to make friends with Dermot's mother-in-law Hillary ahead of the baby's birth. She suggests they go out to dinner together, but the evening comes to an abrupt end for the two feuding matriarchs.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.35** Rachel Allen: Home Cooking. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **12.15** Football Focus. **1.00** World Olympic Dreams. Mongolian boxer Badar Uugan Enkhbatyn's preparations for London. **1.30** Live Six Nations Rugby Union. France v Italy (Kick-off 2.30pm). **4.30** Live Six Nations Rugby Union. Scotland v England (Kick-off 5.00pm).

6.55 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
7.15 The Magicians. With John Torode, Gregg Wallace, Arlene Phillips and Phil Tufnell.
8.30 The National Lottery Saturday Night Draws. The Overtones join OJ Borg as the winning numbers are revealed.
8.40 Casualty. Linda struggles to take care of her sister's two children, and Lloyd tries to piece together the series of events that led to a woman with Alzheimer's disease being admitted.
9.30 Mrs Brown's Boys. Agnes tries to make friends with Dermot's mother-in-law Hillary, but the pair's dinner date comes to an abrupt end when Maria suddenly goes into labour. Last in the series.
10.00 BBC News; Weather.
10.20 Match of the Day. Including highlights of Manchester City v Fulham; National Lottery Update.
11.40 The Football League Show. Highlights of today's games.

1.00 Weatherview. **1.05** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **12.00** Coast. (R) **12.15** Film: Miracle. (2004) Fact-based sporting drama, starring Kurt Russell. **2.20** Film: Flower Drum Song. (1961) Romantic musical comedy, with Miyoshi Umeki and James Shigeta. **4.30** Final Score. **5.30** Escape to the Country. (R)

6.30 Flog It! Philip Serrell and David Fletcher visit Torquay, where they value antiques including an amber necklace, an Austrian bronze figure and a cheese coaster.
7.30 Dad's Army. The platoon defends headquarters against members of the Highland Regiment. (R)
8.00 Versailles: The Dream of a King. Docu-drama re-creating the life and loves of Louis XIV. (R)
9.00 FILM: Brighton Rock. (2010) Premiere. A criminal in the 1960s tries to seduce a waitress who can connect him to a murder, determined to ensure her silence. Drama, starring Sam Riley and Andrea Riseborough.
10.45 Pan Am. The Clipper Majestic is sent to the Soviet Union on a diplomatic mission.
11.25 TOTP2: The 60s. Performances by Clodagh Rodgers, the Move, Tom Jones and the Bee Gees.
11.55 FILM: The Three Burials of Melquiades Estrada. (2005) Modern-day Western, starring Tommy Lee Jones.

1.50 Film: Paper Clips. (2004) Documentary about a school's commemoration of the Holocaust.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **10.25** May the Best House Win. (R) **11.25** This Morning: Saturday. **12.30** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.40** Film: Evil Under the Sun. (1982) Mystery, starring Peter Ustinov. **3.55** Film: Wild Wild West. (1999) Sci-fi Western comedy, starring Will Smith. **5.45** Regional News ; Weather.

6.00 ITV News; Weather.
6.15 New You've Been Framed – Top 100 Kids! Comedian Harry Hill narrates a selection of viewer-submitted comical clips devoted to youngsters, including messy eaters, troublesome teens and sibling rivaries.
7.15 Harry Hill's TV Burp. New series. Comic review of the week's small-screen highlights.
7.45 Take Me Out. A charity campaigner, a semi-professional footballer, a musician and a model try to impress 30 single women, and last week's couples go on their dates.
9.00 The Jonathan Ross Show. With David Beckham, Keira Knightley and Kevin Bridges.
10.00 The Talent Show Story. Life on the judging panel. Last in the series.
11.00 ITV News; Weather.
11.15 FILM: Music and Lyrics. (2007) Comedy, starring Hugh Grant and Drew Barrymore.

1.10 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **3.30** In Plain Sight. **4.15** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.00 The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Volleyball. (R) **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.50** T4: Everyone's Talking About – Top Ten. **9.20** T4: A-Z of Star Wars Episode I: T4 Movie Special. **9.55** T4: New Girl. (R) **10.25** T4: New Girl. (R) **10.55** T4: Playing It Straight. **11.55** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **12.25** T4: New Girl. (R) **12.55** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.25** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.55** Channel 4 Racing. **3.55** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.25** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.35** Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.05 Come Dine with Me. January Jones-Omatajo prepares a soul-food-inspired menu. (R)
6.35 Channel 4 News.
7.05 4thought.tv. A Sikh charity worker explains his view of altruism.
7.10 FILM: My Super Ex-Girlfriend. (2006) An insecure superhero is outraged when her boyfriend dumps her, and in revenge uses her powers to ruin his life. Fantasy comedy, starring Uma Thurman, Luke Wilson and Eddie Izzard.
9.00 The Million Pound Drop Live. Davina McCall presents the quiz show in which contestants can win £1million, but lose money for giving incorrect answers.
10.30 FILM: The Full Monty. (1997) Comedy, starring Robert Carlyle.

12.20 Film: If. (1968) Drama, with Malcolm McDowell. **2.15** The Silent City. (R) **2.25** This Is J03. (R) **2.30** Brothers & Sisters. (R) **3.15** My Dream Farm. (R) **4.10** Time Team. (R) **5.10** Countdown. (R) **5.55** Sali Mali. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Meerkat Manor. (R) **10.30** Benidorm ER. (R) **11.30** Royal Navy Caribbean Patrol. (R) **12.25** Film: Riding Shotgun. (1954) Western, starring Randolph Scott. **2.00** Film: Apache Drums. (1951) Western, starring Stephen McNally. **3.30** Film: Death of a Gunfighter. (1969) Western, starring Richard Widmark. **5.25** Film: Private Benjamin. (1980) Comedy, starring Goldie Hawn.

7.25 5 News Weekend.
7.35 NCIS. Having identified the mole in their ranks, the detectives are forced to rely on information from questionable sources as they try to prevent a criminal stealing government secrets. (R)
8.30 NCIS. A petty officer is killed in what at first seems to be a road-rage incident – until the team discovers he belonged to an underground fight club. Crime drama, starring Mark Harmon. (R)
9.30 CSI: NY. Mac and the team investigate the murder of a college student, focusing their investigation on his room-mate, who has been printing counterfeit money.
10.30 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. A teenager disappears after making a shocking confession.
11.30 Forensic Files. (R)

12.00 SuperCasino. **4.00** Great Artists. (R) **4.25** Divine Designs. (R) **4.50** County Secrets. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

Digital

ITV2
4.50 Film: Free Willy (1993) **7.10** Film: Kangaroo Jack (2003). Comedy, starring Jerry O'Connell and Anthony Anderson. **9.00** Take Me Out – The Gossip **9.45** Film: Knocked Up (2007). Romantic comedy, starring Seth Rogen, Katherine Heigl and Paul Rudd.

ITV3
3.55 Agatha Christie's Poirot **4.55** A Touch of Frost **7.00** Rosemary & Thyme **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Foyle's War **11.00** Film: The Postman Always Rings Twice (1981)

ITV4
3.40 Film: On Her Majesty's Secret Service (1969) **6.30** Live Africa Cup of Nations. The second quarter-final (Kick-off 7.00pm). **9.30** Film: Tango & Cash (1989). Action adventure, with Sylvester Stallone and Kurt Russell. **11.35** Film: Charley Varrick (1973)

BBC THREE
7.00 Doctor Who **7.45** Doctor Who Confidential **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** Film: Tropic Thunder (2008) **10.40** Family Guy **11.25** American Dad!

BBC FOUR
7.00 Survivors: Nature's Indestructible Creatures **8.00** Natural World: The Last Grizzly of Paradise Valley **9.00** Borgen **11.00** Top of the Pops: 1977 **11.35** Soul Deep: The Story of Black Popular Music

E4
1.35 Hollyoaks **4.10** Perfect Couples **5.05** Scrubs **6.05** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** Happy Endings **7.35** How I Met Your Mother **8.00** Rules of Engagement **8.30** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** Film: Trading Places (1983). Comedy, starring Dan Aykroyd and Eddie Murphy. **11.20** The Big Bang Theory

FILM4
2.45 Battle for the Planet of the Apes (1973) **4.30** Tristan and Isolde (2006) **6.55** Guess Who (2005) **9.00** The Wrestler (2008). Drama, with Mickey Rourke and Marisa Tomei. **11.20** A History of Violence (2005)

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Choice

THE HOTEL
Channel 4, 8pm

Admittedly, it can't be easy running a hotel; having the ability to keep everybody happy all the time and doing it through those stubbornly gritted teeth with a pseudo-friendly grin plastered across your face. But if Basil Fawlty can do it, Mark Jenkins is going to make damn sure he can. The Grosvenor's manager has had somewhat of a brainwave this week, as he decides to open the hotel's nightclub. Where his germ of an idea falls down, though, is when Christian gets giddy about his 'perfect solution' of the club's theme being 'omni-sexual' — even offering to go out in full-drag get-up complete with semi-naked men by way of promoting his idea.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.35** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Sunday Politics; Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.05** Match of the Day Live. **2.30** Live Six Nations Rugby Union. **5.00** Songs of Praise. **5.35** Antiques Roadshow. (R)

6.35 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
7.00 Countryfile. Matt Baker and Ellie Harrison explore the Blackdown Hills on the Devon and Somerset border, while John Craven investigates Britain's fall in organic food sales. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.
8.00 Call the Midwife. A baby girl is snatched from her pram, uniting the community in a search for the missing child. Cynthia's latest patient falls ill, jeopardising her chances of happiness.
9.00 Bomber Boys. Actor Ewan McGregor and his pilot brother Colin explore the role RAF Bomber Command played during the Second World War and Colin learns to fly a Lancaster bomber.
10.30 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
10.55 Live Super Bowl XLVI. New England Patriots v New York Giants (Kick-off 11.25pm). Mark Chapman presents coverage of American football's showpiece match, held at the Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis.

4.00 Weatherview. **4.05** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **10.00** Something for the Weekend. **11.30** Film: I Know Where I'm Going. (1945) Romantic drama, starring Wendy Hiller and Roger Livesey. **1.00** EastEnders. **2.55** Film: The Shooting Party. (1985) Period drama, starring Edward Fox. **4.30** Escape to the Country. (R) **5.15** Ski Sunday.

6.00 The Last Explorers. The story of John Muir, one of the founders of America's National Park movement, who worked to persuade institutions and the general public of the importance of the environment.
7.00 Queens of British Pop. A celebration of female singers over the past 50 years. (R)
8.00 Top Gear. Jeremy Clarkson and James May learn about China's expanding car industry, and Richard Hammond immerses himself in the world of Nascar at a race in Texas. With guest Matt LeBlanc.
9.00 Toughest Place to Be a Fisherman. Cornish fisherman Andy Giles works in a coastal village in Sierra Leone.
10.00 Match of the Day 2. Including highlights of Chelsea v Manchester United.
10.55 Frank Skinner's Opinionated. With Greg Davies and Victoria Coren. (R)
11.25 Rugby Union: Six Nations Highlights.

12.10 Ski Sunday. (R) **12.55** Film: The Day of the Triffids. (1962) Sci-fi thriller, starring Howard Keel. **2.30** BBC News. **4.05** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Ade in Britain. (R) **10.30** Dinner Date. (R) **11.30** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **12.30** ITV News; Weather. **12.40** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **1.40** Film: Columbo: Murder, Smoke and Shadows. (1989) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. **3.35** Vera. (R) **5.35** Regional News ; Weather.**5.45** ITV News; Weather.

6.00 Harry Hill's TV Burp. Comic review of the week's small-screen highlights. (R)
6.25 Dancing on Ice. The 11 remaining celebrities skate to some of the biggest pop songs of all time as they continue their battle to impress the judges and win public votes.
8.30 Wild at Heart. Du Plessis starts to believe he is being haunted by the ghost of Peeters. Danny and Ed make a rash decision that endangers everything they have been working toward.
9.30 Dancing on Ice: The Skate Off. The two lowest-scoring couples compete.
10.05 That Sunday Night Show. With Larry Lamb and Ross Noble.
10.35 ITV News; Weather.
10.50 Whitechapel. Chandler and Miles investigate the deaths of four people. (R)
11.50 Anglo-Welsh Cup Rugby Union. Action from the fourth round of pool fixtures.

12.40 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.00** Ladette to Lady: Australia. (R) **2.50** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.00 The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** That Paralympic Show. (R) **7.25** Sailing: America's Cup Uncovered. (R) **7.55** T4: The Album Chart Show Introduces – Cover Drive. (R) **8.05** T4: One Tree Hill. (R) **8.55** T4: Countdown to the NME Awards 2012. (R) **9.10** T4: Hollyoaks. (R) **11.45** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.20** T4: Shipwrecked: The Island. **1.20** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.55** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **2.30** Film: New in Town. (2009) Premiere. Romantic comedy, starring Renee Zellweger. **4.20** Time Team. **5.25** Deal or No Deal.

6.25 Channel 4 News.
6.55 4thought.tv. Human rights activist Ben Rawlence discusses foreign aid.
7.00 Hugh's Three Hungry Boys. The boys hunt for food on Asparagus Island off Cornwall's Kynance Cove. Last in the series.
8.00 The Hotel. Manager Mark holds a singles' night.
9.00 FILM: The Time Traveler's Wife. (2009) Premiere. A woman falls for a time traveller, but his journeys back and forth in her life put a strain on their marriage. Romantic sci-fi drama, with Rachel McAdams and Eric Bana.
11.10 FILM: Alien Resurrection. (1997) Sci-fi thriller sequel, with Sigourney Weaver.

1.15 Film: The Texas Chainsaw Massacre. (2003) Horror remake, starring Jessica Biel. **2.55** The Guides. (R) **3.10** Brothers & Sisters. (R) **3.50** 90210. (R) **4.30** My Dream Farm. (R) **5.25** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** Fireman Sam. (R) **6.35** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **6.50** Castle Farm. (R) **6.55** Igam Ogam. (R) **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.15** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Family! (R) **7.35** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.50** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **7.57** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **8.00** Little Princess. (R) **8.15** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.30** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.50** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.25** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.40** Mist: Sheepdog Tales. (R) **10.00** Grey's Anatomy. (R) **11.00** Cowboy Builders. (R) **12.00** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.05** Film: Shanghai Noon. (2000) Comedy Western, starring Jackie Chan and Owen Wilson. **3.10** Film: Pete's Dragon. (1977) Musical fantasy, starring Jim Dale. **5.20** Film: The Mask of Zorro. (1998) Swashbuckling adventure, starring Antonio Banderas.

8.00 World's Scariest Near Misses. People who have stared death in the face — and survived. (R)
8.55 5 News Weekend.
9.00 FILM: 300. (2006) Fantasy adventure, starring Gerard Butler.
11.20 FILM: Road House 2: Last Call. (2006) Action thriller sequel, starring Johnathon Schaech.

1.00 SuperCasino. **4.00** Rough Guide to Beaches. (R) **4.10** Great Scientists. (R) **4.35** Divine Designs. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

Digital

ITV2
4.25 Film: Free Willy 2: The Adventure Home (1995) **6.25** Film: King Kong (2005). Fantasy adventure remake, starring Naomi Watts. **10.00** The Only Way Is Essex **10.45** Film: Funny People (2009). Comedy drama, starring Adam Sandler and Seth Rogen.

ITV3
3.50 Film: Carry On Screaming (1966) **5.50** Agatha Christie's Poirot **9.00** Lewis. A college master is found dead at the university's astronomical observatory. **11.00** Cracker

ITV4
3.20 Film: Stargate (1994) **5.45** Film: Flash Gordon (1980) **8.00** Anglo-Welsh Cup Rugby Union **9.00** Cops with Cameras **10.00** Africa Cup of Nations **11.00** Film: We Own the Night (2007). Drama, starring Joaquin Phoenix.

BBC THREE
7.00 Junior Doctors: Your Life in Their Hands **8.00** Young Tailor of the Year **9.00** Being Human **10.00** Family Guy **10.45** American Dad! **11.30** Sun, Sex and Suspicious Parents

BBC FOUR
7.00 Sykes **7.30** Film: Carry On Loving (1970). Comedy, starring Sid James. **9.00** The Cricklewood Greats **9.45** Hattie **11.10** Film: Son of Babylon (2009). Premiere. Drama, starring Shazada Hussein and Yasser Talib.

E4
4.30 Samantha Who? **4.55** Being Erica **5.55** 90210 **6.50** Film: Romancing the Stone (1984). Comedy adventure, starring Michael Douglas and Kathleen Turner. **9.00** Desperate Housewives **11.00** Skins

FILM4
3.00 In Good Company (2004) **5.10** The Englishman Who Went Up a Hill, But Came Down a Mountain (1995) **7.00** Eragon (2006). Fantasy adventure, starring Edward Speleers. **9.00** Pan's Labyrinth (2006). Period fantasy, starring Ivana Baquero. **11.20** Babel (2006). Drama, starring Brad Pitt and Cate Blanchett.

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Monday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Wanted Down Under. **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; (R) BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Britain's Empty Homes. (R) **11.30** Cash in the Attic; BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Escape to the Country. **3.00** BBC News; Weather; Regional News. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Pointless. **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **7.00** The One Show. **7.30** Inside Out; BBC News; Regional News. **8.00** EastEnders. **8.30** Hunting the Internet Bullies — Panorama. **9.00** The Diamond Queen. **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** A Question of Sport. **11.05** Late Kick Off. **11.35** The Graham Norton Show. (R) **12.20** Weatherview. **12.25** Sign Zone: Film 2012 with Claudia Winkleman. (R) **1.05** Holby City. (R) **2.05** Who Do You Think You Are? (R) **3.05** Celebrity Antiques Road Trip. (R) **4.05** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.25** CBeebies. **11.30** BBC World News. **12.00** Daily Politics. **1.00** One Man and His Campervan. (R) **1.30** To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) **2.15** Weakest Link. **3.00** Helicopter Heroes. (R) **3.45** Flog It! **4.30** Perfection. **5.15** Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. **6.00** Eggheads. **6.30** Britain's Heritage Heroes. **7.00** Home Cooking Made Easy. (R) **7.30** A Question of Taste. **8.00** University Challenge. **8.30** An Island Parish. **9.00** Protecting Our Children. **10.00** Mock the Week — Again. (R) **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** Pan Am. (R) **12.00** BBC News. **3.15** The Super League Show. **4.00** BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** Dickinson's Real Deal. **3.00** The Alan Titchmarsh Show. **3.59** Regional Weather. **4.00** The Hungry Sailors. **5.00** The Chase. **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** Coronation Street. **8.00** Cornwall with Caroline Quentin. **8.30** Coronation Street. **9.00** Whitechapel. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** That Sunday Night Show. (R) **11.05** Law & Order: UK. (R) **12.05** River Monsters. (R) **12.35** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.35** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **3.30** ITV Nightscreen. **4.35** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Freshly Squeezed. **7.30** According to Jim. **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Undercover Boss USA. (R) **9.55** Relocation: Phil Down Under. (R) **11.00** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. **12.00** Channel 4 News Summary. **12.05** Country House Rescue. (R) **1.05** Quick Bakes with Eric Lanlard. (R) **1.25** Film: Lassie Come Home. (1943) Family drama, starring Elizabeth Taylor. **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Come Dine with Me. **5.30** Coach Trip. **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **6.55** 4thought.tv. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** Channel 4 Presents — 2012: Mandip Sehmi — Part Two. **8.00** SuperScrimpers. **9.00** Coppers. **10.00** Party Paramedics. **11.05** Random Acts. **11.10** Shameless. (R) **12.10** Bouncers. (R) **1.10** The Joy of Teen Sex. (R) **2.05** Embarrassing Bodies. (R) **3.00** Strange Little Girls. (R) **3.20** Brothers & Sisters. (R) **4.05** My Dream Farm. (R) **5.00** Time Team. (R) **5.55** Sali Mali. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.10** LIVE with Gabby. **12.10** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.15** Build a New Life in the Country. (R) **1.15** Home and Away. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.15** CSI: NY. (R) **3.15** Film: Safe Harbor. (2009) Premiere. Drama, starring Treat Williams, Nancy Travis, Reiley McClendon and Myra Turley. **5.00** 5 News at 5. **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. (R) **6.30** 5 News at 6.30. **7.00** World's Toughest Trucker; (R) 5 News Update. **8.00** Police Interceptors; 5 News at 9. **9.00** Royal Marines: Mission Afghanistan. **10.00** Film: The Detonator. (2006) Thriller, starring Wesley Snipes, Silvia Colloca, Tim Dutton and William Hope. **11.55** Soho Blues. (R) **12.55** SuperCasino. **4.00** House Doctor. (R) **4.20** Wildlife SOS. (R) **5.10** Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R)

Tuesday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Wanted Down Under. **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; (R) BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Britain's Empty Homes. (R) **11.30** Cash in the Attic; BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Escape to the Country. **3.00** BBC News; Weather; Regional News. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Pointless. (R) **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **7.00** The One Show. **7.30** EastEnders; BBC News; Regional News. **8.00** Holby City. **9.00** Prisoners' Wives. **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather; National Lottery Update. **10.35** Death Unexplained. **11.20** Neighbourhood Watched. (R) **12.05** Film: Protocol. (1984) Comedy, starring Goldie Hawn. **1.35** Weatherview. **1.40** Sign Zone: The Manor Reborn. (R) **2.40** Inside Men. (R) **3.40** Nature's Miracle Babies. (R) **4.40** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.25** CBeebies. **11.30** BBC World News. **12.00** Daily Politics. **1.00** One Man and His Campervan. (R) **1.30** To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) **2.15** Weakest Link. (R) **3.00** Helicopter Heroes. (R) **3.45** Flog It! **4.30** Perfection. **5.15** Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. **6.00** Eggheads. Quiz show, hosted by Jeremy Vine. **6.30** Britain's Heritage Heroes. **7.00** Raymond Blanc: The Very Hungry Frenchman. (R) **8.00** Alex Polizzi: The Fixer. **9.00** How to Grow a Planet. **10.00** Have I Got Old News for You. (R) **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** Rubicon. **12.05** Rubicon. **12.50** BBC News. **4.00** BBC Learning Zone.

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Channel 4 **6.00** The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Freshly Squeezed. **7.30** According to Jim. **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Undercover Boss USA. (R) **9.55** Relocation: Phil Down Under. (R) **11.00** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. **12.00** Channel 4 News Summary. **12.05** Country House Rescue. (R) **1.05** Quick Bakes with Eric Lanlard. (R) **1.35** Film: Across the Wide Missouri. (1951) Western, starring Clark Gable and Maria Elena Marques. **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Come Dine with Me. **5.30** Coach Trip. **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **6.55** 4thought.tv. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** Channel 4 Presents — 2012: Hannah Cockroft — Part Two. **8.00** Gok's Teens: The Naked Truth. New series. Gok Wan offers advice on problems faced by teenagers. **9.00** Katie: The Science of Seeing Again. Katie Piper investigates stem-cell research. **10.00** Shameless. **11.05** Desperate Housewives. **12.05** Random Acts. **12.10** Poker. **1.10** Sailing: America's Cup Uncovered. **1.35** KOTV Boxing Weekly. **2.00** Volleyball. **2.50** Late Night Poker. (R) **3.45** Best of British. (R) **4.40** That Paralympic Show. (R) **5.10** Full Metal Challenge. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.10** LIVE with Gabby. **12.10** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.15** Build a New Life in the Country. (R) **1.15** Home and Away. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.15** CSI: NY. (R) **3.15** Film: Fairfield Road. (2010) Drama, starring Jesse Metcalfe and Natalie Lisinska. **5.00** 5 News at 5. **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. (R) **6.30** 5 News at 6.30. **7.00** Police Interceptors; (R) 5 News Update. **8.00** Cowboy Builders; 5 News at 9. **9.00** Body of Proof. Megan investigates a fatality at the hospital where she used to work. **10.00** CSI: Miami. A gunman storms the team's headquarters. (R) **10.55** CSI: NY. (R) **11.50** CSI: NY. (R) **12.45** Forensic Files. (R) **1.15** SuperCasino. **4.00** House Doctor. (R) **4.25** Wildlife SOS. (R) **5.10** Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R)

Wednesday

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BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.25** CBeebies. **11.30** Daily Politics. **1.00** See Hear. **1.30** To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) **2.15** Weakest Link. **3.00** Helicopter Heroes. (R) **3.45** Flog It! **4.30** Perfection. **5.15** Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. **6.00** Eggheads. **6.30** Britain's Heritage Heroes. **7.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **8.00** Bees, Butterflies and Blooms. **9.00** Versailles. **10.00** Roger & Val Have Just Got In. **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** Film: Guerrilla: The Taking of Patty Hearst. (2004) **12.50** BBC News. **4.00** BBC Learning Zone.

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Channel 4 **6.05** Sali Mali. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Freshly Squeezed. **7.30** According to Jim. **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Undercover Boss USA. (R) **9.55** Relocation: Phil Down Under. (R) **11.00** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. **12.00** Channel 4 News Summary. **12.05** Country House Rescue. (R) **1.05** Quick Bakes with Eric Lanlard. **1.35** Film: Rope. (1948) **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Come Dine with Me. **5.30** Coach Trip. **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **6.55** 4thought. tv. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** Channel 4 Presents — 2012: Will Bayley — Part Two. **8.00** How to Cook Like Heston. **8.30** The Fabulous Baker Brothers. **9.00** One Born Every Minute. **10.00** 10 O'Clock Live. **10.55** Random Acts. **11.00** The Inbetweeners. (R) **11.30** The Inbetweeners. (R) **12.00** Music on 4: Countdown to the NME Awards 2012. **12.20** Music on 4: David Guetta Nothing but the Beat: The Movie. **1.25** Music on 4: 4Play: Anisa. **1.40** Music on 4: The Album Chart Show: Spotlight. **1.55** Music on 4: The Album Chart Show Introduces: Emeli Sande. (R) **2.10** Music on 4: Professor Green Unseen: After Hours. (R) **2.35** Music on 4: Live from Abbey Road. (R) **3.20** 90210. (R) **4.00** Film: The Men. (1950) **5.25** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.10** LIVE with Gabby. **12.10** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.15** Build a New Life in the Country. (R) **1.15** Home and Away. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.15** CSI: NY. (R) **3.15** Film: Crimes of Passion. (2005) Detective thriller, starring Dina Meyer. **5.00** 5 News at 5. **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. (R) **6.30** 5 News at 6.30. **7.00** Cowboy Builders; (R) 5 News Update. **8.00** Benidorm ER; 5 News at 9. **9.00** NCIS. **10.00** Law & Order: Criminal Intent. **11.00** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. (R) **12.00** Poker: The Big Game. **1.00** SuperCasino. **4.00** House Doctor. (R) **4.25** Wildlife SOS. (R) **5.10** Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R)

Thursday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Wanted Down Under. **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; (R) BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Britain's Empty Homes. (R) **11.30** Cash in the Attic; BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Escape to the Country. **3.00** BBC News; Weather; Regional News. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Pointless. (R) **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **7.00** The One Show. **7.30** EastEnders; BBC News; Regional News. **8.00** Super Smart Animals. **9.00** Inside Men. **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Question Time. **11.35** This Week. **12.20** Skiing Weatherview. **12.25** Sign Zone: Hunting the Internet Bullies — Panorama. (R) **12.55** Countryfile. (R) **1.55** Britain's Killer Roads. (R) **2.40** Rip Off Britain. (R) **3.10** Hairy Bikers' Best of British. (R) **3.55** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.25** CBeebies. **11.30** BBC World News. **12.00** Daily Politics. **1.00** Animal Park. (R) **1.30** To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) **2.15** Weakest Link. (R) **3.00** Helicopter Heroes. (R) **3.45** Flog It! **4.30** Perfection. **5.15** Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. **6.00** Eggheads. **6.30** Britain's Heritage Heroes. **7.00** Top Gear. (R) **8.00** Raymond Blanc: The Very Hungry Frenchman. **9.00** Putin, Russia & the West. **10.00** James May's Things You Need to Know. (R) **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** Toughest Place to Be a Fisherman. (R) **12.20** An Island Parish. (R) **1.20** BBC News. **3.25** Close. **4.00** BBC Learning Zone.

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Channel 4 **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Freshly Squeezed. **7.30** According to Jim. **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Frasier. (R) **8.55** Undercover Boss USA. (R) **9.55** Relocation: Phil Down Under. (R) **11.00** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. **12.00** Channel 4 News Summary. **12.05** Country House Rescue. (R) **1.05** River Cottage Bites. (R) **1.15** Film: The Fighting Kentuckian. (1949) Western, starring John Wayne. **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Come Dine with Me. **5.30** Coach Trip. **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **6.55** 4thought.tv. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** Channel 4 Presents — 2012: Helen Turner. **8.00** Location, Location, Location. **9.00** The Restoration Man. **10.00** Mothertruckers. **11.05** Coppers. (R) **12.05** Random Acts. **12.10** Party Paramedics. (R) **1.10** Gok's Teens: The Naked Truth. (R) **2.05** What's Fufu? (R) **2.10** Confessions from the Underground. (R) **3.05** Love Tube. (R) **3.10** Last Train. (R) **3.15** My Dream Farm. (R) **4.10** The Herd. (R) **4.15** Time Team. (R) **5.10** Countdown. (R) **5.55** Sali Mali. (R)

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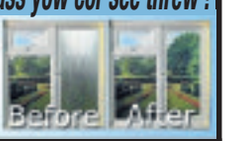

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1 Z	2 P	3 J	4 B	5 Q	6 S	7 Y	8 E	9 V	10 O	11 X	12 K	13 G
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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

3. Almost begin to embark - that's right (9)
8. Give a hand signal when this approaches the shore (4)
9. Learning to recognise a foothold on the mountain (9)
10. A kind that is made to sally (6)
11. One who sums up the scaly creature (5)
14. Change the level of the shafts, we hear (5)
15. Depression for the theologian, by the sound of it (4)
16. Just the thing for the high-stepper (5)
18. Cramped accommodation may well be barred (4)
20. Too early for the Mayflower? (5)
21. It would be carried by the chairmen (5)
24. Show off the United Nations in uninteresting surroundings (6)
25. Split completely in a sorrowful way (9)
26. Small piece of land mentioned in Marconi's letters (4)
27. One who faces the wall (9)

Down

1. Frightened by an undefined article, we refused to work (3-6)
2. Charges too much? (9)
4. Subtle blending provides quality of sound (4)
5. Went boating and fell out! (5)
6. What the abbot expects to be, as far as holy orders are concerned! (6)
7. Right time of life for passion (4)
9. Birds whose flight is ground-controlled? (5)
11. Though born elsewhere, he produces a legal right to retention of property (5)
12. Turned up in a nosy way (9)
13. Facts that place genuine restrictions about one (9)
17. Agree with the amount scored (5)
19. Acquires 9 Across (6)
22. Ill-treatment for Lincoln around America (5)
23. Timber transaction (4)
24. Escape from most of the Navy (4)

Quick Clues:

Across

3. Escort (9)
8. Merit (4)
9. Monarch (9)
10. Stress (6)
11. Lift (5)
14. Bisect (5)
15. Level (4)
16. Harvests (5)
18. Not any (4)
20. Trunk (5)
21. Late (5)
24. Charcoal (6)
25. Incessant (9)
26. Brink (4)
27. Recovers (9)

Down

1. Loud hailer (9)
2. Ferocious (9)
4. Diving bird (4)
5. Musical drama (5)
6. Delight (6)
7. Near (4)
9. Derisive smile (5)
11. Willing (5)
12. All (9)
13. Meet (9)
17. Purloin (5)
19. Christian festival (6)
22. Thick (5)
23. Belt (4)
24. Tend (4)

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Sock; 3 Herdsman; 8 Rank; 9 Hostages; 11 Keeping watch; 13 Notice; 14 Stupor; 17 Strawberries; 20 Headgear; 21 Tale; 22 Paladins; 23 Lent. Down: 1 Striking; 2 Contest; 4 Enough; 5 Detractors; 6 Magic; 7 Nose; 10 Discharged; 12 Crescent; 15 Private; 16 Obtain; 18 Trail; 19 Whip. QUICK - Across: 1 Pick; 3 Advocate; 8 Same; 9 Flatness; 11 Illegitimate; 13 Luxury; 14 Escape; 17 Presentiment; 20 Original; 21 Fame; 22 Preceded; 23 News. Down: 1 Possibly; 2 Complex; 4 Delete; 5 Optimistic; 6 Alert; 7 Easy; 10 Aggressive; 12 Restless; 15 Average; 16 Insane; 18 Raise; 19 Pomp.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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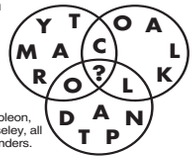
Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION: The letter represented by the question mark is L. Napoleon, Cromwell, Wolseley, all military commanders.

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It can also look effective in clumps in rockeries, alongside yellow or acid foliage. The purplish white summer flowers are followed by fleshy blue-black berries. Grow it in full sun to maintain its colour.

It contrasts well with vivid green shrubs or acts as an effective ground cover combination set against gold variegated Hakonechloa macra.

In contemporary gardens, put two or three plants in a metal or granite pot for a more modern effect. Older leaves may go brown in winter, but these can be removed individually. Plants can be divided in late winter and early spring.

The dramatic black lily grass

Beans broaden your horizons

TENDER young broad beans may not be as popular as French or runner, but they are packed with protein and highly versatile, ideal for eating hot or cold and they also freeze well.

Sow the seeds in November in small pots or cell trays in an unheated greenhouse or cold frame and stand them in a protected spot outdoors in late January or February, bringing them in at night if frost is forecast.

Plant them out when the soil starts to warm up in early March in well drained, not too acidic soil, which has been enriched with compost or manure a month before planting.

Alternatively, sow any variety in a greenhouse in early spring and plant out when the seedlings are around 10cm high, spacing plants around 20cm apart in double rows.

Early sowings will produce a good crop of beans in early summer. They should be harvested when they are just showing through the pods. Good varieties include 'Meteor', which produces an early crop from an early spring sowing, while 'Red Epicure' has reddish-brown beans with a superb flavour.

Don't dismiss tasty broad beans

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SMETHWICK

Jacmar Crescent

An opportunity to acquire an extremely spacious, well presented and thoughtfully improved, semi detached property pleasantly situated within this popular neighbourhood, truly requiring an internal inspection to be fully appreciated, having gas radiator heating, double glazing and briefly comprising :- Porch, entrance hall, attractive lounge, separate dining room, kitchen, side verandah/utility, 3 first floor bedrooms, bathroom, SUPER SPACIOUS FEATURE LOFT, off road parking, GARAGE, and pleasant rear garden. MUST BE VIEWED. BEARWOOD OFFICE 0121 434 4345

Offers around £172,500

OLDBURY

Rose Avenue

A deceptive, thoughtfully improved 3 bedroomed semi detached property occupying a pleasant cul-de-sac position within this convenient neighbourhood, truly requiring internal inspection to be fully appreciated and briefly comprising :- Entrance vestibule, spacious lounge, re-fitted breakfast kitchen, 3 bedrooms, attractive bathroom, off road parking, side store and good sized rear garden. NO UPWARD CHAIN. BEARWOOD OFFICE 0121 434 4345

Offers around £139,950

OLDBURY

New Henry Street

A deceptively spacious, delightfully presented and thoughtfully improved 3 BEDROOMED intermediate family home, conveniently situated for local amenities and facilities, having gas radiator heating, double glazing and truly requiring an internal inspection to fully appreciate the superb accommodation which briefly comprises :- Porch, entrance hall, DELIGHTFUL SPACIOUS LOUNGE WITH ARCHWAY TO DINING AREA, attractive kitchen, 3 bedrooms, super bathroom (having separate shower cubicle), pleasant low maintenance rear garden and OFF ROAD PARKING AT THE REAR. VIEWING ESSENTIAL. BEARWOOD OFFICE. 0121 434 4345

Offers around £114,950

SMETHWICK

Cemetery Road

A spacious, well proportioned 3 bedroomed intermediate terraced property conveniently situated, having double glazing, gas radiator heating and briefly comprising :- Entrance hall, dining/sitting room, attractive lounge, kitchen, rear vestibule area, downstairs bathroom, 3 bedrooms and rear garden. VIEWING ESSENTIAL. BEARWOOD OFFICE 0121 434 4345

Offers round £104,950

SMETHWICK

Queens Road

A rare opportunity to acquire an extremely spacious, delightfully presented and considerably improved 5/6 BEDROOMED semi detached property which truly requires internal inspection to be fully appreciated, having gas radiator heating, double glazing and comprising :- Entrance hall, delightful lounge, dining/sittong room, super re-fitted kitchen, inner vestibule (with downstairs w.c., off), utility, downstairs bedroom (having bathroom en-suite), 4 first floor bedrooms, shared bathroom, study/potential bed 6, additional shower room, separate w.c, off road parking and pleasant good sized rear garden..... SUBSTANTIAL PRICE REDUCTION FOR A SWIFT SALE....MUST BE VIEWED, LARGE PROPERTY. BEARWOOD OFFICE 0121 434 4345

Offers around £275,000

SMETHWICK

Manor Road

Delightfully presented, considerably improved, spacious family home conveniently situated, having double glazing, gas radiator heating and briefly comprising: Entrance vestibule, delightful spacious through lounge with dining area, fitted kitchen, utility (with downstairs WC off), 3 excellent sized double bedrooms (bed 1 having shower room en suite), attractive house bathroom, super spacious loft, drive providing off road parking, garage and pleasant rear garden. Viewing essential to fully appreciate the size and layout of the accommodation on offer. BEARWOOD OFFICE 0121 434 4345

Offers around £174,950

SMETHWICK

Hall Road

An opportunity to acquire a spacious, thoughtfully improved and well presented 3 bedroomed semi-detached property occupying a pleasant corner position, truly requiring internal inspection to be fully appreciated, having gas radiator heating, double glazing and briefly comprising: Entrance hall (with downstairs WC off), delightful lounge having archway to dining area, super fitted kitchen (with integrated oven/hob, fridge and freezer), 3 bedrooms, attractive bathroom, drive providing ample off road parking, LARGE GARAGE and pleasant low maintenance rear garden. BEARWOOD OFFICE 0121 434 4345

Offers Around: £139,950

OLDBURY

Lewis Road

An opportunity to acquire a deceptively spacious, thoughtfully improved and well presented, 3 bedroomed semi detached property conveniently situated, having gas radiator heating, double glazing, truly requiring internal inspection and briefly comprising :- Entrance hall, delightful lounge, fitted dining kitchen (with oven/hob), 3 bedrooms, attractive bathroom, drive providing off road parking, and pleasant rear garden.SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED FROM ORIGINAL ASKING PRICE OF £144,950, NOW BEING OFFERED AT OFFERS OVER £130,000 FOR A SWIFT SALE.. VIEWING ESSENTIAL TO FULLY APPRECIATE THE ACCOMMODATION ON OFFER. BEARWOOD OFFICE 0121 434 4345.

Offers Over £130,000

Spacious property for sale

A DECEPTIVELY spacious and extended detached property in a sought-after, tree-lined village location near Bloxwich is on the market based on offers around £229,950.

The gas centrally heated and double glazed accommodation in Sneyd Lane, Essington, briefly comprises enclosed porch, entrance hall/stairs, guest cloaks/WC, L-shaped lounge/dining room, extended study/ garden room, spacious breakfast kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom/WC and single garage.

The location is described as ideal for family buyers, being close to schools catering for children of all age groups, with frequent public transport services and nearby motorway junctions for convenient commuting to Birmingham and the West Midlands conurbation.

The guest cloakroom has a white suite comprising low level WC and vanity wash hand basin, while the L-shaped through lounge/ dining room measures 11ft 11in by 15ft 3in and 11ft 9in by 9ft. The focal point is a chimney breast wall incorporating a contemporary fireplace with raised hearth and inset electric fire with a door to the extended study/garden room measuring 8ft 6in by 10ft 3in and door to the rear terrace.

The breakfast kitchen, 15ft 4in by 11ft 10in, is equipped with a range of light oak base and wall units with contrasting roll top work surfaces with a peninsular breakfast bar with space for stools, single drainer stainless steel sink unit with mixer tap, space for a slot in cooker and fridge freezer and plumbing for automatic washing machine, dishwasher and tumble drier.

On the first floor the rear bedroom one is 20ft 8in by 9ft 9in and equipped with a range of built-in bedroom furniture, and there are two more bedrooms and a family bathroom with white suite comprising panelled bath with electric shower, glazed screen, pedestal wash hand basin and low level WC.

There is a single car side attached brick garage measuring 16ft 9in by 7ft 10in, and outside to the front is a driveway providing parking for several vehicles, while the garden is lawned with herbaceous borders.

For more details, or to view, contact estate agent Marrion & Co on 01922 404446.

The property in Sneyd Lane, Essington, is on the market with Marrion & Co

Asking price for detached home is down

This much-improved four-bedroom home in a popular area is now priced at around £219,000

A MUCH-IMPROVED four bedroom detached family home in Huntington, Cannock, is on the market having been reduced in price to £219,000.

On a popular development the property, in Swallow Close, is close to all amenities, schools and motorways.

The accommodation includes a lounge, kitchen, dining area, conservatory, and four bedrooms.

It has double glazed windows, gas central heating, front, rear and extensive side gardens and a driveway providing off-road parking leading to a garage.

The lounge has a marble fireplace with living flame gas fire. The kitchen has wall and base units with granite work surfaces, stainless steel one and a half bowl sink with mixer taps, integrap dishwasher and microwave, gas double oven and hob with extractor hood over.

The conservatory has French doors to the rear garden.

On the first floor the master bedroom has built in mirror wardrobes, while the en-suite has a double shower cubicle with mains shower over, vanity unit with wash basin and low level WC.

There are three more bedrooms and a family bathroom with Jacuzzi shower bath with mains shower over, vanity with sink unit and low level WC.

Call Webbs on 01543 468846 for details.

Vendors cut price tag to £215,000

Estate agent Southwells of Rugeley is handling the sale of this modern four-bedroom property

A FOUR-BEDROOM executive detached property in Rugeley has been reduced in price to £215,000.

The house, in Hereford Way, has entrance hall, ground floor WC, lounge, dining room, breakfast kitchen, master bedroom with en-suite, three further bedrooms and family bathroom.

On the first floor bedroom one is 11ft 8in by 15ft with fitted wardrobes, while the en-suite has a shower cubicle with power shower, low level WC and wash hand basin.

There are three more bedrooms and a bathroom with white suite. Outside is a lawned front garden with driveway leading to the integral garage, while the rear garden is mainly lawned with patio and raised decking area.

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SHELSLEY AVENUE

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Price: £175,950

OLDBURY
NEW

APOLLO ROAD

An extended fully modernised and refurbished end town house .Side entrance into reception hall, lounge, door to dining room with storage off, kitchen, lobby and bathroom. Staircase from reception hall to first floor landing, two bedrooms (en-suite off master) double glazing, central heating, off road parking, front and rear gardens

Offers in the region of £105,000

TIVIDALE

GLENEAGLES DRIVE

An opportunity to acquire an extended detached bungalow. L shaped entrance hall, cloaks off, lounge, dining kitchen, dining room and inner hallway leading off, three bedrooms all containing fitted wardrobes, bathroom with separate shower, additional bedroom 4/office, conservatory, double glazing and central heating where specified, off road parking, gardens

Offers in the region of £255,000

WEST BROMWICH

ST.CHRISTOPHER CLOSE

An extended link detached house. Hall entrance, lounge archway to dining area, kitchen, bedroom 4/office and utility area. Staircase from hall to first floor landing with stores off, three bedrooms, bathroom having jacuzzi style bath and shower over, central heating and double glazing where specified, off road parking, front and rear gardens

Offers in the region of £184,995

SMETHWICK

HOLLY STREET

An imposing end terraced residence offering spacious family accommodation with off road parking and garage. Vestibule to reception hall with cellar off, two reception rooms, breakfast room, kitchen and bathroom. Staircase to four bedrooms, bathroom, two central heating systems and double glazed windows where specified, veranda, rear yard and garden

Offers In The Region of £177,995

SMETHWICK

HOLLY LANE

Spacious traditional semi detached property occupying a sought after location having extended ground floor accommodation comprising hall entrance, cloakroom with W.C., through lounge, dining room/study, extended kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, off road parking, gas fired central heating and uPVC double glazing where specified.

Offers in the region of £164,950

OLDBURY

PENSTOCK DRIVE

A modern semi detached within a cul-de-sac location close to Langley Village, having part converted loft space providing office/playroom. hall entrance, cloakroom, kitchen having intergrated appliances, lounge. Staircase to three bedrooms, bathroom shower over bath, central heating and double glazing where specified, driveway and rear garden

Offers in the region of £137,950

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FARM ROAD

A fully modernised and improved mid-terraced property offering good sized accommodation. Side entrance into hall, two reception rooms both having feature fireplace, lobby, kitchen area, bathroom having seperate shower, staircase to first floor landing, three bedrooms, central heating, double glazing where specified and garden to rear.

Offers in the region of £104,995

OLDBURY

VICTORIA ROAD

A semi detached property situated in a corner position having potential for side extension subject to planning consent, reception hall, lounge with feature fireplace, kitchen, shower room. Staircase from reception hall to first floor landing off which lead three bedrooms, gas central heating, double glazing where specified, off road parking, front and rear gardens

Offers in the region of £104,950

NETHERTON

ST.PETERS ROAD

A modern three storey town house. Porch entrance store off opening into reception hall additional stores off, staircase to first floor, kitchen and lounge with feature fireplace. Staircase to second floor landing off which lead three bedrooms, bathroom, central heating, double glazing, garage, driveway, rear garden

Offers in the region of £99,950

WEST BROMWICH

PRINCES GATE

A first floor flat offering ideal first time purchase or investment opportunity Communal entry phone entrance, staircase extending to first floor landing, metal entrance door to reception hall, stores off, lounge with feature fireplace, kitchen, 2 bedrooms (ensuite off master), bathroom, electric heating and double glazing, allocated car parking space

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OLDACRE ROAD

An opportunity to acquire a 50% share of a retirement bungalow front entrance door opening onto L shaped reception hall, lounge with feature fireplace, kitchen, two bedrooms, shower room, central heating and double glazing where specified, rear garden having timber sheds, shared driveway to front

Offers in the region of £64,950

OLDBURY

THE PINEWAYS

A ground floor flat offering deceptively spacious accommodation situated within a quiet development, comprising Lounge, stores and kitchen off, inner hallway off which leads, stores, wardrobe, two bedrooms and bathroom, central heating and double glazing where specified, enclosed garden to front and communal parking and garden areas

Offers in the region of £59,950

TIPTON

GROVELAND ROAD

A 50% share within a first floor flat offering good sized well maintained accommodation within a quiet location. Entrance with entry phone system to front entrance door, reception hall stores off, lounge, kitchen including oven and hob, two bedrooms, bathroom shower over bath, double glazing and central heating, communal garden and allocated car parking space,

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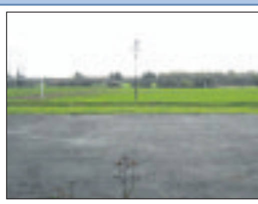

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TAYLOR WIMPEY BUSTS MORTGAGE MYTHS FOR FIRST-TIME BUYERS IN OLDBURY!

First-time buyers who believe the property ladder is out of their reach will think again if they attend Taylor Wimpey's Mortgages Made Simple Seminar in Oldbury.

New research reveals that many would-be buyers are deterred from looking into a property purchase because they assume they won't qualify for a mortgage – but this special event on Saturday 4th February will see Taylor Wimpey set the record straight.

The seminar will take place from 11am to 3pm at Samsons Banqueting Suite in Rood End Road, Oldbury, opposite Taylor Wimpey's popular Cedar Drive development.

There, experts from the leading housebuilder will dispel popular misconceptions about mortgage lending and explain to potential first-time buyers how it could be much easier than they think to afford their very own home at Cedar Drive.

Jan Titley, Regional Sales and Marketing Director for Taylor Wimpey, says: "Latest research shows that 92% of people think it is hard for first-time buyers to secure a mortgage, and that two out of three prospective property purchasers are completely put off from applying because they fear they will be turned down*.

"But the truth is that 90% of first-time buyers are successful with their mortgage application through Taylor Wimpey.

"By attending our Mortgages Made Simple Seminar, would-be buyers will not only find a new Cedar Drive property could be comfortably within their reach, but they'll be pleasantly surprised at how straightforward and stress-free the whole process can be when purchasing a Taylor Wimpey home – and they may only need a 5% deposit."

The Mortgages Made Simple Seminar will include an informative presentation from Taylor Wimpey's experienced sales team and an independent financial advisor to demystify the mortgage application process, with scheduled talks taking place at 11.30am and 1.30pm.

The advisor will also be able to assess individual circumstances on the spot, and offer advice on how it is possible to secure a brand new Taylor Wimpey home at Cedar Drive.

First-time buyers can also find out about the range of money-saving incentives offered by Taylor Wimpey. Advisors from Homebuy Agent Orbit will also be on hand to discuss the Government-backed FirstBuy scheme which means selected new homes can be accessed by eligible purchasers for 80% of the full price, including a 75% mortgage and a 5% deposit, subject to status.

A stylish selection of high-quality properties is currently on sale at Cedar Drive, with two-bedroom starter homes priced from just £124,995 and three-bedroom houses from as little as £151,000.

The Mortgages Made Simple Seminar takes place at 11am to 3pm on Saturday

4th February at Samsons Banqueting Suite, Rood End Road, Oldbury, B69 4HT. To book their place at the seminar, first-time buyers can also call the Sales Executive on 0845 071 8723.

Customers can also find out about the new homes available to buy at Cedar Drive by visiting the Sales and Marketing Suite, located off Rood End Road, Oldbury, and open daily from 10am to 5pm.

Details about Taylor Wimpey developments across the West Midlands are available by calling 0121 703 3400 or by visiting www.taylorwimpey.co.uk

* Statistics from The National Centre for Social Research. www.natcen.ac.uk/study/the-reality-of-generation-rent-

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- ★ Garage and driveway
- ★ Rear garden

£127,500

NEW

OLDBURY
ST JAMES ROAD

- ★ Two bedroom semi detached bungalow
- ★ Lounge
- ★ Kitchen
- ★ Shower room
- ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- ★ Off road parking
- ★ Rear garden

£109,995

NEW

DUDLEY
BIRMINGHAM ROAD

- ★ Three bedroom semi detached
- ★ Lounge and dining room
- ★ Kitchen
- ★ Off road parking
- ★ Front and rear gardens
- ★ In need of extensive modernisation

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NEW

TIVIDALE
TRAFALGAR ROAD

- ★ Three bedroom detached family bathroom
- ★ Lounge and dining room
- ★ Kitchen and utility
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- ★ En suite to master bedroom plus
- ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- ★ Off road parking and garage
- ★ Front and rear gardens

£174,995

NEW

TIPTON
DAISY MEADOW

- ★ Extended four bedroom semi detached family shower room
- ★ Entrance and downstairs WC
- ★ Lounge/dining room, extended dining kitchen
- ★ En suite to master bedroom plus
- ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- ★ Off road parking
- ★ Rear garden

£159,995

NEW

BRIERLEY HILL
MADISON AVENUE

- ★ Four bedroom mid town house
- ★ Lounge, kitchen and downstairs WC
- ★ En suite to master bedroom plus family bathroom
- ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- ★ Off road parking
- ★ Rear garden

£129,995

NEW

WEST BROMWICH
BERKSHIRE CLOSE

- ★ Three bedroom mid terrace
- ★ Lounge
- ★ Kitchen
- ★ First floor bathroom
- ★ Part double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- ★ Front and rear gardens

£89,995

NEW

TIPTON
SANDGATE ROAD

- ★ Two bedroom semi detached
- ★ Through lounge/dining room
- ★ Kitchen
- ★ First floor bathroom
- ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- ★ Off road parking to the rear
- ★ Front and rear gardens

£79,995

NEW

TIVIDALE
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£65,000 offers around

NEW

TIPTON
SOLLY GROVE

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JANUARY SALE ✱✱ JANUARY SALE ✱✱ JANUARY SALE ✱✱

The following properties are in our JANUARY SALE

TIPTON
WEDNESBURY OAK ROAD

- ★ Two/three bedroom detached dormer bungalow
- ★ Lounge, kitchen
- ★ Dining room/bedroom three
- ★ Conservatory
- ★ Partial double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- ★ Tandem garage and driveway
- ★ Front and rear gardens

NOW £179,995

TIPTON
HORSELEY ROAD

- ★ Extended five bedroom semi detached
- ★ Through lounge/dining room
- ★ En suite to master bedroom
- ★ Central heating and double glazing (where specified)
- ★ Garage and off road parking
- ★ Rear garden

Was £179,995 Now £165,000

TIPTON
HAINES CLOSE

- ★ Modern three bedroom detached
- ★ Lounge/diner, Conservatory
- ★ Downstairs WC, en suite to master bedroom
- ★ Garage and off road parking
- ★ Double glazing and central heating (where specified)
- ★ Rear garden

NOW £149,995

TIPTON
GORDON DRIVE

- ★ Extended four bedroom semi detached
- ★ Through lounge/dining room
- ★ Sitting room
- ★ Kitchen
- ★ En suite to master bedroom
- ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- ★ Garage and driveway
- ★ Rear garden

NOW £149,995

WEST BROMWICH
WHITGREAVE STREET

- ★ Four bedroom well presented semi detached including loft conversion
- ★ Two reception rooms
- ★ Extended kitchen
- ★ Upstairs family bathroom and en suite to master
- ★ Garage and off road parking
- ★ Double glazing and central heating (where specified)

NOW £139,995

WEDNESBURY
LEA AVENUE

- ★ Two bedroom detached bungalow
- ★ Entrance porch
- ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- ★ Lounge and fitted kitchen
- ★ Garage, driveway and off road parking
- ★ Front and rear gardens

NOW £134,995

TIPTON
FIELD ROAD

- ★ Recently modernised three bedroom semi detached
- ★ Lounge. Dining dining
- ★ Garage
- ★ Driveway for several vehicles
- ★ Property must be viewed to appreciate standard of accommodation
- ★ Front and rear gardens

NOW £124,995

TIPTON
IRVING ROAD

- ★ Three bedroom mid town house in quiet cul-de-sac location
- ★ Lounge
- ★ Conservatory
- ★ Breakfast kitchen
- ★ Double glazing (where specified)
- ★ Drive and garage to rear
- ★ Rear garden

Was £114,995 Now £109,995

JANUARY SALE ✱✱ JANUARY SALE ✱✱

TIPTON
AVERN CLOSE

- ★ Two bedroom end terrace
- ★ Lounge
- ★ Kitchen
- ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- ★ Driveway
- ★ Rear garden

NOW £94,995

TIPTON
OLD PORT CLOSE

- ★ Two bedroom semi detached
- ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- ★ Lounge and kitchen
- ★ Garage
- ★ Driveway
- ★ Front and rear gardens

NOW £91,000

WEST BROMWICH
ANSON ROAD

- ★ Three bedroom mid terrace
- ★ Lounge, dining room, kitchen
- ★ Outside WC and first floor family bathroom
- ★ Garage to rear of property
- ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- ★ Front and rear gardens

NOW £82,000

TIPTON
TIVIDALE STREET

- ★ Two bedroom end terraced
- ★ Lounge
- ★ Dining kitchen
- ★ Off road parking to the rear
- ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- ★ Front and rear gardens

Offers Over £84,995

TIPTON
ST MICHAELS WAY

- ★ One bedroom back to back house
- ★ Open plan lounge and kitchen
- ★ Parking
- ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- ★ Small garden

NOW £68,500

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TIPTON
DAISY MEADOW

- ★ Modern four bedroom detached
- ★ Lounge, dining room, kitchen
- ★ Downstairs WC, conservatory
- ★ Loft conversion with en suite
- ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- ★ Garage and driveway
- ★ Front and rear gardens

£179,995

TIPTON
WAKE GREEN ROAD

- ★ Three bedroom semi detached
- ★ Porch and through lounge/dining area
- ★ Fitted kitchen and conservatory
- ★ Family bathroom with shower cubicle
- ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- ★ Off road parking. Front and rear gardens

£159,995

TIPTON
PARK LANE WEST

- ★ Two bedroom mid terrace
- ★ Lounge
- ★ Breakfast kitchen
- ★ First floor bathroom
- ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- ★ Rear garden

£80,995

TIPTON
FERGUSON DRIVE

- ★ Second floor two bedroom apartment
- ★ Lounge
- ★ Kitchen
- ★ Double glazing (where specified)
- ★ Storage heating (where specified)
- ★ Allocated parking
- ★ Communal gardens

£79,995

TIPTON
HAWTHORN ROAD

- ★ Three bedroom semi detached
- ★ Lounge
- ★ Breakfast kitchen
- ★ Off road parking
- ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- ★ Rear garden

£77,500

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REDUCED

WEDNESBURY CHESTNUT ROAD

Two bedroom semi detached property with first floor bathroom and ground floor annex comprising lounge, bedroom and shower room. Secure gated off road parking to front, enclosed rear garden with outbuilding, having electric skylight and pot belly stove. Double glazed and central heated.

£129,950

REDUCED

DARLASTON HEMMING STREET

Extended traditional style semi-detached property having three bedrooms, gas central heating, two reception rooms. Large established rear garden, off road parking. In need of some internal modernisation, Excellent potential to improve. NO UPWARD CHAIN

£85,000

REDUCED

WALSALL BESCOT DRIVE

Traditional Five Bedroom Detached House Being Close to Midland Motorway Networks and Local Amenities. The Property also has the benefit of double glazing and gas central heating. Lounge/dining room, fitted kitchen and utility. Garage and delightful gardens. An early viewing is recommended

£279,950

REDUCED

DARLASTON MARGARET ROAD

Three Bedroom End Town House with open aspect to the front, Down stairs shower room, nice level garden, double glazed and central heating. Parking to front with potential to extend subject to relevant planing permission being obtained. An early viewing is recommended.

£79,950

NEW

WEDNESBURY
HOLLYHEAD ROAD

- ★ Superior Two Bedroom Flat
- ★ Lounge/dining room
- ★ En-suite to Master Bedroom
- ★ Double Glazing
- ★ Electric Heating
- ★ Allocated Parking
- ★ Communal Lawns
- ★ Viewing Recommended

£94,950

NEW

WEDNESBURY
BAGNALLS WHARF

- ★ Spacious Top Floor Apartment
- ★ Built by Barratts in 2011
- ★ Lounge/diner
- ★ Kitchen
- ★ En-suite to Master Bedroom
- ★ Close to town centre and metro link
- ★ Allocated Parking
- ★ VACANT POSSESSION

£82,500

WEST BROMWICH
HAMPTON COURT

- ★ Detached Bungalow
- ★ Two Bedrooms
- ★ NO UPWARD CHAIN
- ★ Double Glazed
- ★ Central Heated
- ★ Garage
- ★ Private Driveway
- ★ Viewing Recommended

£125,950

WEDNESBURY
CEDAR ROAD

- ★ Three Bedroom Semi
- ★ Popular Location
- ★ Lounge
- ★ Kitchen and Utility Room
- ★ Down stairs wc
- ★ First Floor Bathroom
- ★ Double Glazed
- ★ NO UPWARD CHAIN

£119,950

REDUCED

WEST BROMWICH
BUSTLEHOLME AVENUE

- ★ Superbly Presented Three Bedroom Detached Bungalow.
- ★ Re-furbished to a high standard throughout.
- ★ Sought After Location.
- ★ Double Garage and Parking
- ★ Conservatory
- ★ Landscaped Gardens
- ★ Viewing Recommended

£224,950

WEDNESBURY
MARK ROAD

- ★ Improved semi detached
- ★ Two Bedrooms
- ★ Ideal First Time Buy
- ★ Double Glazed
- ★ Gas Central Heating
- ★ Off Road Parking
- ★ Garden to Rear
- ★ VACANT POSSESSION

£94,950

REDUCED

WEDNESBURY CREW ROAD

Immaculate Three Bedroom Semi detached house on a corner plot. In brief the property comprises lounge/dining room, first floor shower room, substantial gardens and outbuilding.The property also has the benefit of double glazing and gas central heating. An early viewing is recommended.

£123,950

REDUCED

WEST BROMWICH ST PAULS CRESCENT

★ Situated in a small cul de sac in the Hill Top area of West Bromwich this three bedroom semi is offered for sale with NO UPWARD CHAIN. The property has the benefit of double glazing, central heating and off road parking.

£87,500

WEST BROMWICH
HALL GREEN ROAD

- ★ Traditional Semi Detached
- ★ Three Bedrooms
- ★ Two Reception Rooms
- ★ In Need Of Modernisation
- ★ Double Glazed
- ★ Garage
- ★ Shared Drive
- ★ NO UPWARD CHAIN

£94,950

WEST BROMWICH
RUTLAND ROAD

- ★ This well proportioned three bedroom semi detached property
- ★ Having two receptions, double glazing gas central heating
- ★ Landscaped well tended gardens
- ★ Substantial out-building with Wc.

£117,500

WEST BROMWICH
BUSTLEHOLME AVENUE

- ★ Traditional Semi Detached Property
- ★ Three Good Size Bedrooms
- ★ Two Receptions
- ★ Garage At Rear (off service road)
- ★ Fitted Kitchen With Appliances
- ★ Delightful Rear Garden
- ★ Popular Location
- ★ Viewing Recommended

£184,950

WEDNESBURY
MYVOD ROAD

- ★ NO UPWARD CHAIN
- ★ Well Presented Semi Detached Property
- ★ Three Double Bedrooms
- ★ Two Reception Rooms
- ★ Double Glazed
- ★ Central Heated
- ★ Off Road Parking
- ★ Excellent Location For Local Schools

£119,950

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WHITGREAVE STREET, WEST BROMWICH
- ★ Detached Four Bedroom House
- ★ Four Reception Rooms
- ★ 35ft Conservatory
- ★ Family Shower Room
- ★ Janet and John Ensuite Bathroom
- ★ Off Road Parking
- ★ Double Glazing
- ★ High End CCTV Security System
- ★ Gas Central Heating
- ★ Viewing Essential

£298,000

NEWTON MANOR CLOSE GREAT BARR
- ● 8 Plots Available
- ● 3 Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- ● Lounge
- ● Kitchen/Diner
- ● Master Bedroom with En-Suite

Offers in Excess of £260,000

ALL SAINTS WAY WEST BROMWICH
- ★ Detached
- ★ Three Bedrooms
- ★ Two Reception Rooms
- ★ Two Bathrooms
- ★ One Bed Anex

£249,950

WESTMORE WAY WEDNESBURY
- ★ Detached Double Fronted
- ★ Five Bedrooms
- ★ Two Reception Rooms
- ★ Walk In Shower Room
- ★ Downstairs W/C

£239,950

INGESTRE DRIVE GREAT BARR
- ● 3 Bed Link-Detached
- ● Open Plan L-Shape Lounge
- ● Fitted Kitchen
- ● Three Double Bedrooms
- ● Family Bathroom

In the Region of £229,950

Walsall Birmingham Road
- ● Five Bedroom Victorian Family Home
- ● Two Reception Rooms
- ● Extended Kitchen/Diner
- ● Bathroom
- ● Block Paved Driveway

Offers in excess £199,950

KIMBLEY RISE HILL TOP
- ★ Four Bedrooms
- ★ Detached House
- ★ Two Reception Rooms
- ★ Two Bathrooms
- ★ Conservatory

£199,950

ARUNDEL AVENUE WEDNESBURY
- ★ 3 Bed Detached
- ★ 2 Reception Rooms
- ★ Downstairs W/C
- ★ Conservatory
- ★ Double Glazing
- ★ Gas Central Heating
- ★ Rear Garden
- ★ Off Road Parking

£179,950

HOLDEN ROAD WEDNESBURY
- ★ Semi Detached
- ★ Three Bedrooms
- ★ Two Reception Rooms
- ★ Detched Tandem Double Garage
- ★ Corner Plot

£177,000

OAKESWELL STREET WEDNESBURY
- ★ Detached
- ★ Three Bedrooms
- ★ Two Reception Rooms
- ★ Summer House
- ★ Double Glazing

£154,950

GOLDBY DRIVE WEDNESBURY
- ★ Three Bedroom Semi Detached
- ★ Three Storey
- ★ Ensuite Shower Room
- ★ Detached Garage
- ★ Off Road Parking
- ★ Views Across Field

£149,950

Grrat Barr Hamstead Road
- ● Two Bedroom Semi-Detached Bungalow
- ● Entrance Hall●Lounge
- ● Inner Hall●Breakfast Kitchen
- ● Shower Room

Offers in excess of £142,500

COLLINS ROAD WEDNESBURY
- ★ Semi detached
- ★ Three bedrooms
- ★ Two reception rooms
- ★ Detached double garage
- ★ Double glazing

£134,950

ROUGH HAY ROAD, DARLASTON
- ★ Four Bedrooms
- ★ Semi Detached House
- ★ Fully Fitted Breakfast Kitchen
- ★ Off Road Parking
- ★ NO CHAIN

£134,950

HAWKSWOOD DRIVE WEDNESBURY
- ★ Semi Detached
- ★ Three Bedrooms
- ★ Study
- ★ Conservatory
- ★ Double Glazing

£134,500

CALTHORPE ROAD HANDSWORTH
- ● 3 Bed Semi-Detached
- ● Entrance Porch
- ● Two Reception Rooms
- ● Kitchen
- ● Utility/Out Buildings

In Region of £129,950

JEVONS DRIVE TIPTON
- ★ Three Bedroom Three Storey
- ★ Garage
- ★ Ensuite Shower Room
- ★ Double Rooms
- ★ Gas Central Heating

£127,500

CHARLOTTE ROAD WEDNESBURY
- ★ Three Bedroom Semi Detached
- ★ Two Reception Rooms
- ★ Fitted Kitchen
- ★ Family Bathroom
- ★ Block Paved Driveway

£124,950

KINGS ROAD GREAT BARR
- ● 3 Bed Semi-Detached
- ● Lounge
- ● Kitchen/Diner
- ● Three Bedrooms
- ● Family Bathroom

In Excess of £124,950

GOSPEL OAK ROAD TIPTON
- ★ Three Bedroom
- ★ Two Reception Rooms
- ★ Master Bedroom with En-Suite
- ★ Gas Central Heating
- ★ Front & Rear Gardens

£122,950

PERRY WOOD, GREAT BARR
- ★ Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- ★ Two Reception Rooms
- ★ Kitchen
- ★ Outdoor W.C & Brick Out Building
- ★ Front & Rear Gardens

OIEO £120,000

SIDDONS WAY WEST BROMWICH
- ★ Two Bedroom Mid-Terrace
- ★ Conservatory
- ★ Off Road Parking
- ★ Front & Rear Garden
- ★ Well Presented

£117,950

Great Barr Glenmead Road
- ● Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- ● Two Reception Rooms
- ● Kitchen●Bathroom●Separate W.C.
- ● Double Glazing●Gas Central Heating
- ● Front & Rear Gardens●Garage to Rear

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COLLINS ROAD WEDNESBURY
- ★ Semi Detached
- ★ Two Bedrooms
- ★ Extension at the rear
- ★ Fully Fitted Kitchen
- ★ Good Transport Links

£114,950

EDWIN PHILLIPS DRIVE WEST BROMWICH
- ★ Mid Terraced
- ★ Two Bedroom
- ★ Fully Fitted Kitchen
- ★ Downstairs W/C
- ★ Gas Central Heating

£111,995

HORSECROFT DRIVE WEST BROMWICH
- ★ End Terraced
- ★ Two Bedrooms
- ★ Two Reception Rooms
- ★ Kitchen/ Diner
- ★ Cul De Sac Location

£111,950

MYVOD ROAD WEDNESBURY
- ★ Two Bedroom Semi Detached
- ★ Very Well Presented
- ★ Off Road Parking
- ★ Double Glazing
- ★ Newly Fitted Kitchen and Bathroom

£109,950

CANTERBURY ROAD WEST BROMWICH
- ★ Semi Detached
- ★ Three Bedrooms
- ★ Downstairs Family Bathroom
- ★ Double Glazing
- ★ Gas Central Heating

£107,950

KENT ROAD, WEDNESBURY
- ★ Two Bedroom Semi Detached
- ★ Detached Garage
- ★ Off Road Parking
- ★ Front and Rear Gardens
- ★ Well Maintained

£104,950

CROCKFORD ROAD WEST BROMWICH
- ★ Two Bedroom Semi-Detached
- ★ Lounge
- ★ Kitchen
- ★ Garage
- ★ NO CHAIN

£101,500

DORRINGTON ROAD, GREAT BARR
- ★ Two Bedroom End-Terrace
- ★ Open Plan Kitchen/Diner
- ★ Front & Rear Gardens
- ★ Off Road Parking to Rear
- ★ Viewing Essential

£100,000

CORNWALL CLOSE WOODS ESTATE
- ★ Three Bedroom Semi Detached
- ★ Detached Garage
- ★ Off Road Parking
- ★ Two Reception Rooms
- ★ Gas Central Heating

£99,950

HARDY ROAD WEDNESBURY
- ★ Three Bedroom Detached House
- ★ Lounge/Diner
- ★ Breakfast Kitchen
- ★ Garage
- ★ Double Glazing

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★ Mid Terraced
★ Two Bedrooms
★ Newly Fitted Kitchen
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★ Double Glazing
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★ Well Maintained
★ Designated Off Road Parking
★ Front and Rear Gardens
★ Viewing Recommended
£99,950

BRUNSWICK PARK ROAD,
WEDNESBURY
★ Three Bedroom Mid Terraced
★ Two Reception Rooms
★ Downstairs Bathroom
★ Rear Garden
★ Double Glazing
£97,000

PRINCESS WAY,
DARLASTON
★ Two Bed End Terraced
★ Well Maintained
★ Designated Off Road Parking
★ Gas Central Heating
★ Viewing Essential
£96,950

COBHAM ROAD
WEDNESBURY
★ Mid Terraced
★ Three Bedrooms
★ Off Road Parking
★ Gas Central Heating
★ NO CHAIN
£91,950

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● Double Glazing
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WEDNESBURY
★ First Floor Flat
★ Two Bedrooms
★ Lounge
★ Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating
★ No Chain
£67,950

MANIFOLD WAY
WEDNESBURY
★ One Bedroom Apartment
★ Fitted Kitchen
★ Family Bathroom
★ Allocated Parking
★ No chain
£64,950

CORONATION ROAD
GREAT BARR
● 3 Bed Semi-Detached
● Two Reception Rooms
● Extended to Rear
● Fitted Kitchen/Utility
● Three Bedrooms
£625 PCM

KINGSTANDING ROAD
GREAT BARR
● 3 Bed Semi-Detached
● Lounge
● Open Plan Kitchen/Diner
● Utility
● Newly Fitted Bathroom
£625 PCM

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WEDNESBURY
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★ Two Reception Rooms
★ Just Refurbished
★ Off Road Parking
★ SORRY NO DHSS
£595 PCM

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GREAT BARR
● 3 Bed Semi-Detached
● Lounge
● Kitchen/Diner
● Family Shower Room
| Front & Rear Gardens
£575 PCM

SURREY ROAD
KINGSTANDING
● 3 Bed Mid-Terrace
● Lounge
● Newly Fitted Kitchen
● Ground Floor Bathroom
● Three Good Size Bedrooms
£575 PCM

CURBAR ROAD
GREAT BARR
● 3 Bed Mid-Terrace
● Lounge
● Kitchen/Diner
● Three Bedrooms
● Family Bathroom
£575 PCM

THETFORD ROAD
GREAT BARR
● 3 Bed Semi-Detached
● Through Lounge/Diner
● Fitted Kitchen
● Three Bedrooms
● Family Bathroom
£550 PCM

ROUGH ROAD
KINGSTANDING
● 3 Bed Mid-Terrace
● Through Lounge/Diner
● Extended Kitchen
● Three Good Size Bedrooms
● Family Bathroom
£550 PCM

EVE LANE,
DUDLEY
★ Two Bedrooms
★ One Reception Room
★ Fantastic Kitchen
★ Downstairs W/C
★ SORRY NO DHSS
£525 PCM

MISTLETOE DRIVE,
TAMEBRIDGE
★ Two Bedrooms
★ Part Furnished
★ End Terrace
★ Mint Condition
★ SORRY NO DHSS
£525 PCM

TAME STREET
WEST BROMWICH
★ Two Bedrooms
★ Secure Buzzer Entrance
★ Allocated Off Road Parking
★ Entrance Hallway
★ SORRY NO DHSS
£475 PCM

JOYNSON STREET,
WEDNESBURY
★ Three Bedrooms
★ Semi Detached
★ Lounge
★ Dining Room
★ SORRY NO DHSS
£475 PCM

HOLYHEAD ROAD,
WEDNESBURY
★ One Bedroom
★ Brand New Apartment
★ Entrance Hallway
★ Ground Floor
★ SORRY NO DHSS
£475 PCM

WOOD STREET
WEDNESBURY
★ Two Bedrooms
★ Semi-Detached
★ Gas Central Heating
★ Front & Rear Gardens
★ SORRY NO DHSS
£450 PCM

BANNISTER ROAD
WEDNESBURY
★ Three Bedrooms
★ Lounge
★ Guest W.C
★ Family Bathroom
★ SORRY NO DHSS
£450 PCM

STATION STREET,
DARLASTON
★ Three Bedrooms
★ Two Reception Rooms
★ Fitted Kitchen
★ Front & Rear Gardens
★ DHSS ACCEPTED
£425 PCM

ADDENBROOKE STREET,
DARLASTON
★ Three Bedrooms
★ Large Lounge
★ Guest W/C
★ Upstairs Bathroom
★ DHSS ACCEPTED
£425 PCM

KENT ROAD,
WEDNESBURY
★ One Bedroom
★ First Floor Flat
★ Potential Second Bedroom
★ Gas Central Heated
★ SORRY NO DHSS
£400 PCM

STATION STREET,
DARLASTON
★ Two Bedrooms
★ Upstairs Bathroom
★ Two Reception Rooms
★ Available 1st March 2012
★ DHSS ACCEPTED
£400 PCM

HOLCROFT ROAD
TIPTON
★ Three Bedrooms
★ Two Reception Rooms
★ Downstairs Bathroom
★ Rear Garden
★ DHSS ACCEPTED
£395 PCM

TALBOT HOUSE,
WEDNESBURY
★ Two Bedrooms
★ Good Condition
★ Fitted Kitchen
★ Entrance Hallway
★ DHSS ACCEPTED
£375 PCM

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WEST BROMWICH
★ Two Bedroom Flat
★ Ninth Floor
★ Entrance Hall
★ Secure Entrance
★ DHSS ACCEPTED
£350 PCM

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WEDNESBURY
★ Two Upstairs Bedrooms
★ Lounge
★ Kitchen
★ Family Bathroom
★ DHSS ACCEPTED
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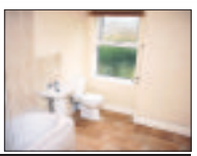

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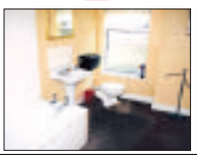

Selsey Road, Edgbaston

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- In need of Modernisation
- Two Reception Rooms
- Pleasant Rear Garden
- Ideal Investment Opportunity
- No Upward Chain

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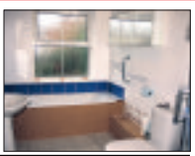

Clifford Road, Bearwood

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- Two Reception Rooms
- Spacious Bathroom
- No Upward Chain
- Must Be Viewed

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Wednesbury

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NEW
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West Bromwich

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£99,500

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NEW
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£550 PCM

Oldbury

NEW
Clay Lane
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£575 PCM

West Bromwich

NEW
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WortonKelly the area's Premier Estate Agent are pleased to offer for sale this well presented 3 bedroom semidetached house briefly comprising of Lounge, Kitchen, Ground floor Bathroom, Driveway, Garage and Pleasant Rear Garden. Viewing Highly Recommended, No upward chain.
£104,999

West Bromwich

REDUCED
Cardigan Close
WortonKelly the area's Premier Estate Agent are pleased to offer For Sale with No Upward Chain this Mid Terraced property.Tastefully improved throughout and briefly comprises of Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Separate W.C, front and rear gardens.
OIEO £105,000

Walsall

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Wednesbury

Woden Road East
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West Bromwich

NEW
Lyndhurst Road
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NEW
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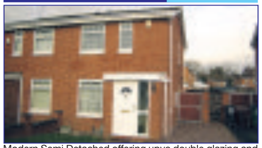
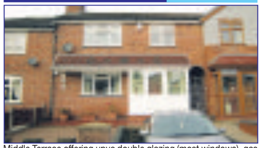

Modern Semi Detached offering upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Well presented accommodation briefly comprises, reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, driveway and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £109,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Kidd Croft, Tipton — NEW

Modern Semi Detached situated on a sought after development. Offering part upvc double glazing, cul de sac location and briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, side driveway, fore and rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £104,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Locarno Road, Tipton — NEW

Middle Terrace offering upvc double glazing (most windows), gas central heating and spacious well presented internal family accommodation. Porch, reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, crete-print driveway and paved rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £94,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Wolseley Road, West Bromwich — NEW

Semi Detached offering upvc double glazing, gas central heating and loft conversion. In need of attention whilst briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, en suite, family bathroom, driveway and large rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £72,500
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Belmont Close, Tipton — NEW

Extended Semi detached having upvc double glazing, gas central heating, cul de sac location and offering no upward chain. Well presented family accommodation which has been extended to ground and first floor. Porch, through lounge / dining room, fitted kitchen, 4 bedrooms, bathroom, large enclosed driveway, double garage and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £142,950
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Bramah Way, Tipton — REDUCED

REDUCED IN PRICE !!! Modern Middle Terrace having upvc double glazing & gas central heating. Situated on a sought after development whilst briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, conservatory, fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, separate driveway & rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £95,995
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Glebefields Road, Tipton — REDUCED

Extended Semi Detached offering superbly presented, immaculate accommodation. Having upvc double glazing, gas central heating, extension to rear and briefly comprising, porch, reception hall, lounge, dining room, extended fitted breakfast kitchen, guest cloakroom, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, block paved driveway to front and attractive rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £119,995
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Myrtle Terrace, Tipton

Modern Link Detached having upvc double glazing and situated on a sought after location. Reception hall, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, separate toilet, block paved driveway, good size side garage, fore / rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £142,500
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Bagnall Street, West Bromwich — REDUCED

Improved Middle Terrace having upvc double glazing, gas central heating and good size accommodation. Enclosed porch, lounge, sitting room, fitted kitchen with built in oven/hob, downstairs bathroom, 3 bedrooms, fore / rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £72,500
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Sannders Crescent, Tipton — NEW

Modern End 2.5 Storey Town House having upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Superbly presented accommodation briefly comprises, reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, conservatory, fitted kitchen, 3 double bedrooms, en suite shower room, family bathroom, side garage & good size rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £134,950
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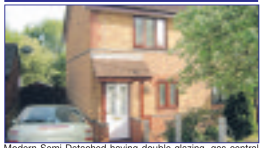
Daisy Meadow, Tipton

Modern Semi Detached having double glazing, gas central heating, sought after location, ideal starter home & briefly comprising, reception Hall, Lounge, Kitchen with built in oven/hob, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Side Driveway & Rear Garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £90,000
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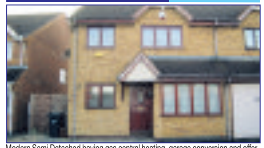
Station Street, Tipton — NEW

Modern Semi Detached having gas central heating, garage conversion and offering no upward chain. Well presented accommodation briefly comprises, reception hall, lounge, conservatory, sitting room, fitted kitchen (built in appliances), 3 bedrooms, en suite shower room, family bathroom, 2 car driveway and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £134,950
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Newhall Street, Tipton — REDUCED

End Terrace Bungalow offering double glazing (most windows) and gas central heating. Well presented internal accommodation briefly comprises, porch, reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms, shower room, driveway, garage, fore and rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £89,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Edward Fisher Drive, Tipton — NEW

Modern Semi Detached occupying a larger than average corner plot with upvc double glazing, gas central heating, no upward and excellent accommodation. Possible ideal investment opportunity with potential income of approx' £6720 per annum. Reception hall, lounge, fitted breakfast kitchen with built in oven/hob, 2 bedrooms, en suite shower room, family bathroom, enclosed side 2 car driveway and gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £111,995
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Bell Street, Tipton

Modern Middle Terrace having upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Ideal first time purchase whilst briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, driveway to front, fore / rear garden and garage in separate block.
OFFERS AROUND: £87,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Gilbert Street, Tipton

Middle Terrace offering upvc double glazing, gas central heating, no upward chain and spacious family accommodation. Reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, kitchen / dining room, rear lobby, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, separate toilet, secure parking to rear and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £88,500
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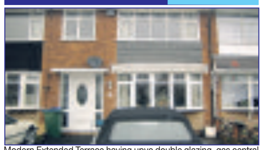
Bertram Close, Tipton — REDUCED

Modern Extended Terrace having upvc double glazing, gas central heating, extended to rear and spacious family accommodation. Reception hall, lounge, sitting room, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, fore court to front, 2 garages to rear & rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £144,995
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Scott Street, Tipton

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OFFERS AROUND: £189,995
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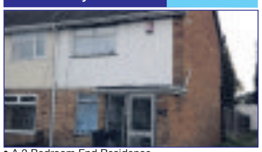
Wood Street, Wednesbury — NEW

- A 2 Bedroom End Residence
- Gas Centrally Heated & Double Glazed (as specified)
- No Upward Chain!
- Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND: £89,995
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Park Lane, Wednesbury — REDUCED

- A Traditional 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- UPVc Double Glazing (as specified)
- No Upward Chain!
- Storm Porch & Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND: £149,995
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Tipton, Warren Close — TO LET

- 1 Bedroom 1st Floor Flat
- Gas Central Heating
- UPVc double glazing
- Reception Hall
- Lounge
- Master Bedroom
- Fitted Bathrom
- Fitted Kitchen

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OFFERS AROUND: £350

Wednesbury, Taryn Drive

- 4 Bedroom Detached Home
- Located in a Quiet Cul-de-sac Location
- No Upward Chain
- Gas Central Heating

OFFERS AROUND: £199,995
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

William Green Road, Wednesbury — NEW

- A 2 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Located in a Quiet Cul-de-Sac Location
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing (as specified)

OFFERS AROUND: £104,995
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Windmill Street, Wednesbury — NEW

- A Period 3 Bedroom Mid Terrace Home
- No Upward Chain!
- Gas Centrally Heated & Double GLazed (both as specified)
- Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND: £81,500
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Wednesbury, Hales Road

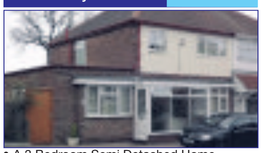
- An Extended 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Generous Plot with Scope to Extend Further (STPP)
- Refurbished to a Very High Standard
- Reception Hall & Guest WC

OFFERS OVER: £134,000
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Meryhurst Road, Wednesbury

- A Spacious 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- No Upward Chain!
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (as specified)
- Storm Porch & Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND: £114,995
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Rooth Street, Wednesbury — REDUCED

- A 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Recently Refurbished to a High Standard
- Storm Porch & Reception Hal

OFFERS AROUND: £155,000
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Maple Avenue, Wednesbury

- A Traditional 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Quiet Cul-de-sac Location with No Upward Chain!
- Centrally Heated & Double Glazed (where specified)
- Generous Corner PLot with Fantastic Secluded Gardens

OFFERS AROUND: £134,995
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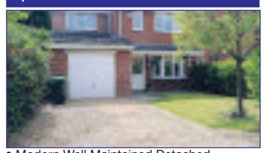
Catherton Close, Tipton

- Modern Well Maintained Detached
- Secluded Corner Position
- 4 Bedrooms
- Gas Central Heating

OFFERS AROUND: £169,995
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Somerset Crescent, Wednesbury

- A Well Presented 2 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Popular Location

OFFERS AROUND: £99,995
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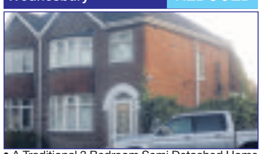
Shaftesbury Road, Wednesbury — REDUCED

- A Traditional 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Popular Area & No Upward Chain
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Storm Porch & Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND: £145,000
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Chestnut Road, Wednesbury

- A 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Occupying a Generous Corner Plot
- Gas Central Heating & Double glazing (as specified)
- No Upward Chain

OFFERS AROUND: £179,995
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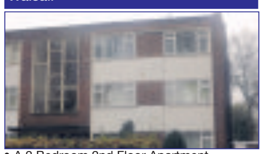
Viewing: 0121 505 3533 £55,000

Slaney Road, Walsall

- A 2 Bedroom 2nd Floor Apartment
- Cul-de-Sac Location with No Upward Chain!
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- Secure Communal Entrance with Intercom

OFFERS AROUND: £49,950
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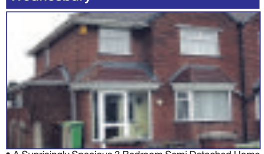
Stanley Road, Wednesbury

- A Suprisingly Spacious 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (as specified)
- No Upward Chain & Located in a Cul-de-Sac Location
- Spacious Reception Hall & Guest WC

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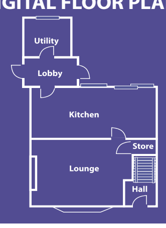

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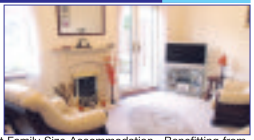

A 3 Bedroom Mid Terraced House Offering Excellent Family Size Accommodation. Benefitting from- Central Heating, Double Glazing and No Upward Chain. Accommodation Comprises- Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, 3 Good Size Bedrooms, Refitted Shower Room/ WC, Driveway Off Road Parking for Several Cars and Large Rear Garden.
Viewing 0121 525 2111 OFFERS AROUND: £114,950

Wood Lane, West Bromwich — NEW

Ideal for first time buyers or buy to let investors. A Two Bedroom End Terraced House benefitting from Majority Centrally Heated and Majority Double Glazed from No Upward Chain. Accommodation Comprises- Party Tunnel Side Entry, Entrance Hall, 2 Reception Rooms, Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC and small gardens to front & rear.
OFFERS AROUND: £84,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Hazelbeech Road, West Bromwich — NEW

An Exceptional End Terraced House Situated in this Highly Sought After Area. Benefitting from Central Heating, Double Glazing and Intruder Alarm. Accommodation Comprises- Integral Porch, Hall, Lounge with Open Access to Dining Room, Refitted Kitchen, 3 Good Size Bedrooms, Refitted Bathroom/ WC, Gardens to Front & Rear, Rear Vehicle Access leads to Large Garage which has been converted into a Games Room.
OFFERS AROUND: £154,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Wilford Road, West Bromwich — NEW

A Spacious 3 Bedroom Semi Detached House Requiring Upgrade and Refurbishment but priced accordingly. Benefitting from Central Heating, Majority Double Glazing, Intruder Alarm and No Upward Chain. Accommodation Comprises- Porch, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Kitchen, Utility, Verandah, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom with Separate WC, Gardens to Front & Rear, Gated Vehicle Access to Rear leading to 2 x garages (requiring attention).
OFFERS AROUND: £89,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Schofield Avenue, West Bromwich — NEW

An Extended Corner Plot Semi Detached House with Single Storey Annex. Benefitting from Part Double Glazing and No Upward Chain. Accommodation for the House Comprises- Porch, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, Gardens to Front & Rear and Driveway Off Road Parking. Accommodation for the Granny Annex Comprises- Porch, Entrance Hall, Bedroom with Small Shower Room/ WC and a Small Kitchen.
OFFERS AROUND: £89,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Farhill Close, West Bromwich — REDUCED

A Modern 3 Bedroom End Terraced House within a quiet residential area. Pleasant outlook to front. No Upward Chain. Centrally Heated and Double Glazed. Accomodation Comprises- Porch, Hall with Guest Cloaks/ WC, Lounge, Kitchen/ Diner, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom with Seperate WC and Gardens to Front & Rear.
OFFERS AROUND: £95,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Lyndhurst Road, West Bromwich — REDUCED

An Impressive Extended Traditional Semi Detached House. Benefitting from Central Heating and Double Glazed. Accommodation Comprises Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Extended Fitted Kitchen, 3 Good Size Bedrooms, Refitted Bathroom/ WC, Good size split level rear garden with rear vehicle access, Driveway Parking to Front leading to Garage/ Utility.
OFFERS AROUND: £141,000
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Hopkins Drive — REDUCED

★★★ Reduced by £10,000. ★★★ An Impressive Detached House, situated within the popular crescent of Hopkins Drive, Offering No Upward Chain. Benefitting from Central Heating, Double Glazing and Intruder Alarm. Accommodation comprises-   Hall with Guest Cloaks/ WC, Laundry Room with small workshop off, Large Open Plan Lounge with Dining Area, 'L' Shaped Conservatory, Fitted Kitchen, Master Bedroom with En Suite Shower Room, 2 Further Bedrooms with Under Eves Store Room off Bedroom 3, Bathroom/ WC, Low Maintenance Gardens to Front & Rear and Driveway Off Road Parking.
Viewing 0121 525 2111 OFFERS AROUND: £226,950

Trinity Street, West Bromwich — NEW

A 2 Bedroom Mid Terraced House benefitting from Part Central Heating, Part Double Glazing and No Upward Chain. Accommodation Comprises- Porch, Lounge, Kitchen, Bathroom/ WC, 2 Bedrooms, Rear Garden and Paved Forecourt to front.
OFFERS AROUND: £69,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Beeches Road, West Bromwich

An Excellent Investment or Developement Opportunity. Previously owned by the Ex Mayor of West Bromwich, this Superb Detached Bungalow is situated on a substantial plot. Requires Refurbishment and Upgrade But Priced Accordingly. Accommodation Briefly Comprises- Entrance Hall, 2 Reception Rooms, 4 Bedrooms, Large Loft Area, 2 Garages, Gated Off road Parking and Extensive Gardens to Front & Rear. No Upward Chain.
OFFERS AROUND: £379,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Bull Lane, West Bromwich

A 2/ 3 Bedroom Extended Semi Detached House having the benefit of Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing. This well appointed property briefly comprises- Reception Hall, Lounge, Large Fitted Kitchen/ Diner with Lobby Area Off, 3rd Ground Floor Bedroom/ Dining Room, 2 First Floor Bedrooms, Family Bathroom/ WC, Gardens to Front & Rear and Rear Vehicle Access leads to Gated Parking Area & Garage.
OFFERS AROUND: £109,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

The Broadway, West Bromwich

An Extended Traditional Semi Detached House, situated on a large plot at the head of a quiet cul de sac. Extended on both floors to provide excellent ground floor accommodation and 3 double bedrooms on the first floor. Centrally Heated, Majority Double Glazed and No Upward Chain. Accommodation Comprises- Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Extended Kitchen Diner, Covered Utility with stores & WC, 3 Double Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, Garden to front and south west facing rear garden with hardstanding for caravan/ boat and Rear Vehicle Access to Double Garage with inspection pit.
OFFERS AROUND: £137,500
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Church Vale, West Bromwich

An Impressive Detached House situated on a substantial plot within this highly sought after residential area. This Property has been fully refurbished and offers excellent family sized accommodation including 4 Double Bedrooms. Accommodation Comprises- Integral Porch, Hall with Guest Cloaks/ WC, Lounge, Dining Room, Conservatory, Fitted Kitchen, Ground Floor Master Bedroom with En Suite Shower Room/ WC, Landing with Loft Ladder to Fully Boarded Loft Room/ Office, 3 Further Double Bedrooms, Family Bathroom/ WC, Rear Garden with Decking Area, Large Block Paved Driveway and Integral Garage.
OFFERS AROUND: £289,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Vowles Road, West Midlands

A Modern Semi Detached House benefitting from Central Heating and Double Glazing. Accommodation Compises- Hall with Guest Cloaks/ WC, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen/ Diner, Master Bedroom with En Suite Shower Room/ WC, 2 Further Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, Gardens to Front & Rear, Driveway Off Road Parking and Garage.
OFFERS AROUND: £146,500
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Charlemont Avenue, West Bromwich

A Delightful Traditional Semi Detached House with a popular cul de sac location. Almost entirely Double Glazed and Centrally Heated, this property offers excellent family sized accomodation. Accomodation Briefly Comprises- Hall, Guest Cloaks/ WC, Lounge, Sitting room extended into small conservatory, Sun Lounge, Kitchen, 3 Good Size Bedrooms, Refitted Bathroom/ WC, Split level gardens to Front & Rear and Driveway Off Road Parking to Side Garage.
OFFERS AROUND: £165,000
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Church Lane, West Bromwich

A spacious 3 bedroom mid terrace home being double glazed (as specified), gas centrally heated. The proprety requires a general upgrade and breifly comprises a reception hall, lounge, dining room, extended kitchen, 3 bedrooms, fitted bathroom and an enclosed rear garden. All offered with no upward chain!
OFFERS AROUND: £89,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Edwin Phillips Drive, West Bromwich

An Impressive Modern Detached House located within a quiet cul de sac location. Centrally Heated, Double Glazed and Intruder Alarmed. Accommodation Comprises- Hall with Guest Cloaks/ WC, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen/ Diner, Conservatory, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, Gardens to Front & Rear and Driveway Off Road Parking Leading to Detached Garage.
OFFERS AROUND: £154,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Europa Avenue, West Bromwich

An Attractive, Detached House having central heating, double glazing, intruder alarm and benefiting from no upward chain ! Conveniently located for the M5 (Junc 1), the Metro (Kenrick Park) and the Town Centre. Accommodation Comprises- Storm Porch, Hall, Guests Cloaks/WC, Lounge, Dining Room, Breakfast Kitchen, Utility, 4 Bedrooms, En Suite Shower Room/WC, Family Bathroom/WC, Rear Garden, Driveway parking for 3/4 cars and Garage.
OFFERS AROUND: £219,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Greets Green Road, West Bromwich — REDUCED

A Three Bedroom Mid Terraced House Conveniently located between West Bromwich and Great Bridge. Central Heating & Double Glazing. Accommodation Comprises- 2 x Receptions, Kitchen, Ground Floor Bathroom/ WC, Gardens to Front & Rear and Garage to Rear with Rear Vehicle Access.
OFFERS AROUND: £85,000
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Greswold Street, West Bromwich

A Traditional Semi Detached House with easy access to Town Centre. Excellent aspect to front overlooking playing fields. Good position for local amenities and transport links. Centrally Heated and Double Glazed. Accommodation Comprises- Porch, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility with WC, Conservatory, 3 Good Size Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, Large Rear Garden, Block paved forecourt to front and Garage to rear with Secure Vehicle Access.
OFFERS AROUND: £122,500
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Hallam Street, West Bromwich — REDUCED

A Spacious 2 Bedroom Flat situated on the Second Floor. Double Glazed and Electric Storage Heating. Excellent Location for Sandwell Hospital, Dartmouth Park and Town Centre. Accommodation Comprises- Hall with Large Storage Cupboard, Lounge/ Diner, Kitchen, 2 Good Size Bedrooms, Refitted Bathroom/ WC, Shared Car Parking Area and Garage.
OFFERS AROUND: £74,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Ireland Green Road, West Bromwich

A Spacious Detached House located within a sought after residential area. Benefitting from Central Heating, Double Glazing and No Upward Chain. Accommodation Comprises- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen Diner, 3 Good Size Bedrooms, Shower Room/ WC, Low Maintainance Gardens to Front & Rear, Driveway Off Road Parking and Integral Garage.
OFFERS AROUND: £169,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Lincoln Road, West Bromwich

A Corner Plot Semi Detached House with excellent potential to extend (subject to planning permission). No Upward Chain. Accomodation comprises- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Conservatory, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, Gardens to front, rear & side and Off Road Parking
OFFERS AROUND: £80,000
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Pennyhill Lane, West Bromwich

A Delightful 3 Bedroom Period Property with panoramic views. Situated in one of the most sought after locations in the area, this house must be viewed to be appreciated. Accomodation Comprises- Long Entrance Hall, Lounge, L Shaped Fitted Kitchen, Ground Floor Bathroom/ WC, Large Landing, First Floor WC, 3 Bedrooms, Enclosed Garden Area and Archway to rear Parking Area.
OFFERS AROUND: £189,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

St Benedicts Close, West Bromwich

A Well Appointed Detached Bungalow at the Head of a Quiet Cul De Sac. Benefitting from Central Heating, Double Glazing and Intruder Alarm. Accommodation Comprises- Integral Porch, Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/ Diner, 2 Good Size Bedrooms, Refitted Bathroom/ WC, Gardens to Front & Rear, Driveway Off Road Parking, Garage.
OFFERS AROUND: £144,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

St Christopher Close, West Bromwich

An Excellent Extended Link Detached house situated within a quiet cul de sac location. Centrally Heated and Double Glazed. Accommodation Comprises- Hall with Ground Floor Shower Room/ WC, Through Lounge/ Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, 5 Good Size Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, Rear Garden, Block Paved Driveway Parking and Garage.
OFFERS AROUND: £289,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

St Cuthberts Close, West Bromwich

An Impressive Four Bedroom Detached House situated within the popular Sandwell Valley Estate. Excellent location for Town Centre, M5 Junction 1 and other local amenities. Central Heating, Double Glazing and No Upward Chain. Accommodation Comprises- Entrance Hall with Guest Cloaks/ WC, Open Plan Lounge/ Diner, Kitchen, Utility, 4 Bedrooms, Bathroom WC, Garage Conversion, Rear Garden and Driveway Off Road Parking.
OFFERS AROUND: £245,000
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Stickley Lane, Dudley

An Impressive Extended Semi Detached House benefitting from Central Heating and Majority Double Glazing. Offers Deceptively Spacious Family Accommodation which must be viewed to be fully appreciated. Accommodation Comprises- Hall, Lounge, Open Plan Kitchen/ Diner/ Sitting Room, Utility are with WC, Store & Laundry Room, 3 Good Size Bedrooms, Shower Room/ WC, Landscaped Split Level Rear Garden, Front Garden and Block Paved Off Road Parking.
OFFERS AROUND: £129,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Vowles Road, West Bromwich

A Modern Four Bedroom Semi Detached House. Benefitting from Central Heating and Double Glazing. Accommodation is arranged over 3 floors and comprises- Hall with Guest Cloaks/ WC, Lounge/ Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Master Bedroom with En Suite Shower Room/ WC, 3 Further Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, Good Size Rear Garage, Driveway Off Road Parking and Garage.
OFFERS AROUND: £154,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Church Vale, West Bromwich

A Rare Opportunity to purchase this Impressive Detached House within a highly saught after location. Benefitting From Central Heating, Majority Double Glazing and Intruder Alarm. Accommodation Comprises- Integral Porch, Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility with WC, 3 Large Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, Large Rear Garden, Driveway Off Road Parking and Garage.
OFFERS AROUND: £249,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Witton Lane, West Bromwich

Three bedroom mid terraced property close to local amenities, benefitting from double glazing. Accomodation comprises- reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, ground floor bathroom, 3 bedrooms, front and rear gardens, viewing highly recommended. No Upward Chain.
OFFERS AROUND: £99,999
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

St Valentines Close, West Bromwich

A Spacious Extended, Four Bedroom Link Detached House located within a Quiet Cul De Sac. Benefitting form Central Heating & Double Glazing. Accomodation Comprises- Porch, Hall with Guest Cloaks/ WC, 2 Reception Rooms, Conservatory, Kitchen, Master Bedroom with En Suite Shower Room, 3 Further Bedrooms, Shower Room/ WC, Gardens to Rear and Driveway Off Road Parking to Front.
OFFERS AROUND: £239,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Leacroft Grove, West Bromwich

An Attractive, centrally heated, double glazed, Semi Detached House. Storm Porch, Lounge, Recently refitted Kitchen/Diner, Conservatory, Covered Side Passageway, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom/WC, Off road parking for small car and Garage for small car nearby. Viewing 0121 525 2111.
OFFERS AROUND: £116,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

All Saints Way, West Bromwich

A deceptively spacious mid terraced house with excellent location for sandwell hospital and transport links. Centrally Heated and Double Glazed. Accommodation Comprises, 25 ft Through Lounge, Ground Floor Bathroom/ WC, Kitchen with replacement flat roof above having 25 year guarantee, 3 Good Size Bedrooms, Rear Garden and forecourt to front (curb not lowered).
OFFERS AROUND: £114,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

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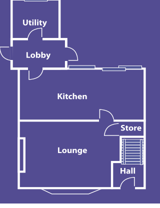

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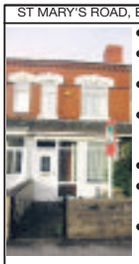
WATERLOO ROAD, SMETHWICK

- Traditional freehold villa
- Well maintained original features
- Deceptively spacious family accommodation
- Three bedrooms and bathroom to first floor
- Through hall, two living rooms, good size kitchen and shower room downstairs
- Nice location opposite Hadley Sports Stadium
- Centrally heated, double glazed and alarmed
- Comprehensive amenities virtually on the doorstep

Offers based on £134,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

ST MARY'S ROAD, BEARWOOD



- Traditional freehold terraced villa
- Gas centrally heated and double glazed
- 3 bedrooms and shower room to the first floor
- Hall, two living rooms, good size kitchen, stores and bathroom on the ground floor
- Plus gardens front and rear
- Exceptionally convenient location close main Bearwood Road
- Comprehensive day-to-day amenities close at hand

Offers based on £149,500

Viewing: Bearwood Office

WARLEY ROAD, OLDBURY

- Freehold double fronted semi-detached property
- Centrally heated & PVC double glazed
- 3 bedrooms and bathroom
- Spacious lounge and kitchen/breakfast room
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Neatly laid out gardens to front and rear
- Being in need of some cosmetic improvement

Offers based on £124,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

WIGORN ROAD, BEARWOOD

A most superbly improved and pleasantly situated traditional style freehold end villa residence having been sympathetically modernised to a high standard and offering gas centrally heated and partly double glazed accommodation which requires full internal inspection to be appreciated and includes two double bedrooms, expensively equipped first floor refitted bathroom with separate shower, dining room, lounge, refitted kitchen and good size laid out garden to the rear, being within easy reach of both Bearwood High Street and Warley Woods, having Birmingham city centre readily accessible and with comprehensive day-to-day amenities close at hand.

Offer based on £147,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

BIRCH ROAD, OLDBURY

Situated in this popular location a modern link detached property being close to both the Wolverhampton Road and Hagley Road West at Quinton, offering gas centrally heated and PVC double glazed accommodation to include three bedrooms, bathroom, hall, spacious lounge, dining room, study, kitchen/breakfast room, downstairs cloakroom, ground floor shower room, garage and neatly laid out garden to the rear, having the benefit of off-street parking to the front for up to four cars, with comprehensive day-to-day amenities close at hand and providing ideal family accommodation.

Offers based on £214,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

GIBSON DRIVE, SMETHWICK

Pleasantly situated in a recently established residential neighbourhood enjoying open views to the front, an immaculate and superbly presented modern freehold end town house offering gas centrally heated and double glazed accommodation to include three bedrooms, well appointed bathroom with shower, spacious well proportioned lounge and separate dining room with natural wood flooring, well fitted kitchen and neatly laid out gardens, with off-street parking to the front, located just half a mile or so from the main High Street in Smethwick, with comprehensive day-to-day amenities close at hand and having good bus and rail services available locally to Birmingham city centre, additionally being ideal for first time purchasers.

Offers over £124,500

Viewing: Bearwood Office

CROCKETTS LANE, SMETHWICK

- Modern three storey town house
- Close to Smethwick High Street
- Centrally heated
- Virtually double glazed throughout
- Three bedrooms
- Downstairs cloakroom

Offers based on £89,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

7 HARDEN KEEP, SMETHWICK

- Pleasantly situated retirement home
- Gas centrally heated and double glazed
- Modern two bedroomed bungalow
- Secure development off Millpool Way
- Comprehensive day-to-day amenities close at hand

Offers based on £67,500

Viewing: Bearwood Office

LIGHTWOODS ROAD, BEARWOOD

- Three storey mid-terraced freehold property
- Gas centrally heated
- Three bedrooms & first floor bathroom
- Downstairs cloakroom

Offers based on £159,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

LIGHTWOODS ROAD, BEARWOOD

- Close to Bearwood High Street
- Ideally suited for first time buyers
- Well presented
- Two double bedrooms and refitted bathroom
- Lounge, dining room and refitted kitchen
- Neatly laid out gardens

Offers based on £149,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

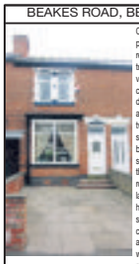
GREAT ARTHUR STREET, SMETHWICK

- Centrally heated and part double glazed
- Three bedrooms
- Lounge, kitchen and bathroom
- Conservatory
- Ideal for first time buyers

Offers in excess of £99,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

BEAKES ROAD, BEARWOOD



Occupying an extremely pleasant and established residential location, a traditional style freehold villa residence offering gas centrally heated and PVC double glazed accommodation to include two double bedrooms, superbly refitted fully tiled bathroom with double size shower compartment, hall, through lounge/dining room, kitchen and neatly laid out garden to the rear, having the benefit of off street parking and comprehensive day-to-day amenities close at hand, with internal inspection a must.

Offers based on £129,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

WHEATLEY ROAD, BEARWOOD

A traditional style freehold semi-detached residence enjoying a most attractive sylvan outlook over an established grass reservation and offering mostly centrally heated and double glazed accommodation which is spaciously planned to include three bedrooms, all with built in wardrobes, fully tiled bathroom with shower, 22ft open plan through lounge/dining room, fitted downstairs cloakroom, good size fitted kitchen, off street parking and extremely pleasant mature and laid out gardens, within easy reach of the main Wolverhampton Road and Warley Woods and having the benefit of good day-to-day amenities close at hand.

Offers based on £146,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

5 HITCHCOCK CLOSE, SMETHWICK

- Modern freehold semi-detached residence
- Gas centrally heated, double glazed and alarmed
- Pleasant cul-de-sac location in recently established private neighbourhood close excellent facilities
- Two double bedrooms & bathroom to the first floor
- Fitted kitchen, hall, lounge & excellent conservatory
- Laid out gardens and off-street parking to the front for at least three cars
- Side garage
- Ideal First Time Purchasers

Offers based on £129,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

NEW

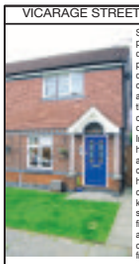
ANCHOR DRIVE, DUDLEY PORT

- Deceptively spacious detached house
- 4 bedrooms, en suite shower room
- House bathroom
- Side garage
- Corner plot

Offers based on £157,500

Viewing: Oldbury Office

VICARAGE STREET, OLDBURY



Situated on a modern popular residential development, this well presented semi detached residence offers good accommodation with the benefit of gas fired central hating and double glazing. Internal inspection is highly recommended and it briefly comprises entrance hall, front lounge, open plan breakfast kitchen, two good sized bedrooms (with fitted wardrobes), well appointed bathroom, off street parking to front, enclosed rear garden, freehold.

Offers based on £109,500

Viewing: Oldbury Office

NEW

ST BRADES CLOSE, TIVIDALE

- Modern extended detached property
- 4 bedrooms
- Extended fitted kitchen
- Open plan lounge
- En suite shower room,
- Panoramic views to front, gardens

£169,950

Viewing: Oldbury Office

REDUCED

GRAVITY MEWS, OLDBURY

This conveniently situated excellently presented first floor maisonette offers good accommodation ideal for a first time purchase. The property benefits from gas fired central heating and double glazing and is situated convenient locality midway between Oldbury and Bearwood, the well planned accommodation comprises entrance hall, landing, double bedroom, well fitted shower room, open plan lounge/kitchen being well fitted, allocated car parking space.

Offers based on £68,000

Viewing: Oldbury Office

MACDONALD CLOSE, OLDBURY

Situated on a popular residential development this excellently presented modern detached offers good accommodation with the benefit of gas fired central heating and double glazing. Internal inspection is highly recommended and briefly comprises reception hall, front lounge, dining area, fitted kitchen, utility, fitted cloakroom, conservatory, four bedrooms (master with en suite), house bathroom, integral garage, off street parking for at least two cars to front, freehold.

Offers based on £199,950

Viewing: Oldbury Office

POPLAR RISE, TIVIDALE

This semi-detached residence is situated close to City Road, Tividale, and offers good accommodation with the benefit of gas central heating and double glazing, briefly comprises reception hall, spacious through lounge, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, detached garage to rear, gardens fore and rear, freehold

Offers based on £114,950

Viewing Oldbury Office

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Lot 1: 119 SABELL ROAD, SMETHWICK B67 7PL
Freehold centrally heated and double glazed 2 bedroomed terraced **£75-80,000**

Lot 2: 34 ROSEFIELD ROAD, SMETHWICK B67 6DX
Freehold mid-terraced with 2 bedrooms but needing cosmetic improvement **£65-70,000**

Lot 3: 189 BEARWOOD ROAD, SMETHWICK B66 4LT
Freehold 3 bedroomed terraced in need of renovation **£60-70,000**

Lot 4: 5 ST. LAWRENCE HOUSE, EDGBASTON B16 9NQ
Centrally heated and double glazed 2 bedroomed first floor flat ..... **circa £70,000**

Lot 5: 57 CLAREMONT ROAD, SMETHWICK B66 4JY
Freehold 3 bedroomed mid-terraced property needing refurbishment .. **circa £80,000**

Lot 6: 1 CHESHIRE ROAD, SMETHWICK B67 6DJ
Freehold centrally heated and double glazed 2 bedroomed end terraced **£75-80,000**

Lot 7: 259 PORTLAND ROAD, EDGBASTON B17 8LU
Freehold 3 bedroomed end terraced needing general improvement **£120-130,000**

Lot 8: 9 OLIVER ROAD, SMETHWICK B66 4PL
Freehold mid-terraced with 2 bedrooms needing improvement **£67,500-70,000**

Lot 9: 191 BEARWOOD ROAD, SMETHWICK B66 4LT
Freehold centrally heated 3 bedroomed terraced needing modernisation ..... **£90 -95,000**

Lot 10: 102 DIBBLE ROAD, SMETHWICK B67 7PZ
Freehold 3 bedroomed terraced needing modernisation **£60-65,000**

Lot 11: 226 BRISTNALL HALL ROAD, OLDBURY B68 9NJ
Freehold double glazed and centrally heated semi-detached needing improvement ..... **circa £80,000**

Traditional values, modern techniques

The new Swift Sport looks set to be a winner with its multi-spoked wheels

Suzuki's Swift – sporty on the road with sharper steering and suspension

Swift and sure from Suzuki's style team

Suzuki's swiftest Swift proved a big hit with youngish owners looking for an affordable (to buy and insure) warm hatch.

By Ian Donaldson

So little wonder the new Sport model, on sale in January, is more a step forward than a leap into the automotive unknown, with more of what's good and a bit less of what isn't.

In the good column are power and economy, both boosted by a gentle reworking of the existing engine (now 134bhp from its 1.6-litre petrol engine) and the addition of a sixth gear to make long motorway drags a bit less of a . . . drag.

There's also been a bit more space added to the length of the new Swift Sport for a slightly roomier interior (still only a four-seater, though) and the addition of cruise control and keyless entry – leave the key in your pocket and the car still knows you're about.

Like the old car, metallic paint is standard at no extra cost (tell that to Audi!).

So to the not so good; this welcome tinkering with an already successful formula has brought a price increase that's rather more than a gentle uplift.

The old Sport cost £12,995 (they're all sold, by the way), so the predicted £14,500 of the new model looks as though the Suzuki price setters knew they had an in-demand model on their hands and priced it accordingly.

Bolder

It's still not overpriced, though, when you consider the reworking you'll find in the little hatchback, designed in Japan, tested on some awkward Yorkshire roads as part of its European acclimatisation and built in Hungary in a plant that's this summer built its two-millionth vehicle.

The last Sport model was hard to pick out from its cheaper, slower siblings. The newcomer is less shy about boasting of its sporting prowess, with a bolder front grille, finned fog lamp housings, side body mouldings and a spoiler above rear window. Multi-spoked alloy wheels fill the wheel arches in muscular fashion.

Inside, the changes from non-Sport versions is subtle, with more firmly bolstered front seats about the only obvious change. Not that there's much wrong with the cabin anyway, with room in the rear for two adults and a dashboard that's simple (a good thing) and easy to read.

In slightly pearly white paint the Swift Sport looks every centimetre the sporty hatch it's intended to be, with blacked out rear-side windows adding a touch of Mafia menace. It looks perfectly pitched at the early-30s and mostly male buyers who Suzuki thinks will fall for the car.

They'll appreciate the car Suzuki's engineers have taken over, making it feel sporty on the road, with a lot of work to make the suspension and steering feel sharper without turning the car into a racetrack refugee.

Like other sporty numbers from Japan (think Honda in particular) the Swift Sport's engine needs to be worked hard for maximum attack.

Rewards

Indeed, change gear at what sounds the right time and you'll miss its verve. This is a car that rewards effort from its driver, who won't mind swapping gears in a box that feels crisp and positive.

Driven with some restraint it will even prove an economical little tiger, with the official fuel average consumption figure better by 10 per cent, at 44.1mpg.

Company car user choosers might also note the newcomer's emissions now slip below the critical 160g/km level. Family car buyers will like the five-star rating all Swifts enjoy in the Euro NCAP tests.

It may be small but there's a proper bigger car feel to the whole machine, a sure sign that painstaking development has followed every change.

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2. The alternative route for vehicles will be via Rooth Street, Wood Green Road and vice-versa.
3. The Order will take effect on 5th March 2012 and the works are expected to be completed on 15th April 2012. The Order may continue in force for a period not exceeding 18 months, or until the works in connection with the Order have been completed, whichever is the sooner.
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DATED this 2nd day of February 2012
N SHARMA
Director of Legal and Governance Services

Sandwell Council House
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SELWYN FORD (Deceased)

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport has made an Order on the M5 Motorway, in the Metropolitan Borough of Sandwell, to allow signs and signals maintenance work to be carried out.

The effect of the Order will be to close the link road leading from the northbound carriageway of the M5 to the southbound carriageway of the M6 (M6 Junction 8).

The work will be carried out over one night between 21:30 hours and 06:00 hours and is expected to start on Monday 13 February 2012. The Order will come into force on 6 February 2012.

Vehicles being used for police, fire brigade or ambulance purposes and vehicles being used in connection with the works or by a traffic officer will be exempt from the closures. A diversion route via M6 Junction 9 will be well signed.

For further information, please contact Gail Buckler on 0121 423 7775.

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984-SECTION 14(1)(A) AND (7)
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The effect of the Order will be to –
(1) impose a 50 miles per hour speed restriction on –
(a) the northbound carriageway of the M5 from a point 156 metres south of the centreline of Hurst Green Road underbridge to a point 40 metres south of the centreline of Wolverhampton Road /A4123 underbridge; and
(b) the southbound carriageway of the M5 from a point 147 metres south of the centreline of Stone Street underbridge to a point 22 metres north of the centreline of Yates Lane footbridge;
(2) close, at different times –
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(b) the southbound carriageway of the M5 from its junction with the exit slip road at Junction 2 to its junction with the entry slip road at Junction 3;
(3) close, at different times –
(a) the northbound carriageway of the M5 from a point 189 metres south of the centreline of Yates Lane footbridge to a point 40 metres south of the centreline of Wolverhampton Road /A4123 underbridge;
(b) the southbound carriageway of the M5 from a point 25 metres south of the centreline of Wolverhampton Road /A4123 underbridge to a point 22 metres north of the centreline of Yates Lane footbridge;
and allow traffic to run on the hard shoulder;
(4) close, at different times the slip road leading –
(a) to the northbound carriageway of the M5 at Junction 3;
(b) from the southbound carriageway of the M5 at Junction 3;
(c) from the northbound carriageway of the M5 at Junction 2; and
(d) to the southbound carriageway of the M5 at Junction 2; and
(5) prohibit vehicles with an overall width exceeding 3.25 metres from entering or proceeding in the lengths of motorway described in (3)(a) and (b) above.

Work is expected to start on Tuesday 14 February 2012 and continue for approximately six weeks. The Order will come into force on 7 February 2012.

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It's a first as Old Hales fail to score

Old Silhillians 1
Old Halesonians 0

OLD Halesonians Hockey men's firsts failed to score for the first time this season as they were beaten by fourth-placed Old Silhillians in the West Midlands Premier.

Both teams set up their teams to stop each other scoring. Despite this, Tom Bulteel had a chance within 30 seconds of the start, when he watched his reverse stick shot fly just inches wide.

But there were few opportunities. Just before the half-time break Harry Hughes was yellow carded for the visitors and spent 10 minutes in the sin-bin.

After the break Old Silhillians also saw a player sin-binned for a push. The home side were well held by the Hales defensive line.

Soon after the home side returned to full strength, Hales had Paul Harrold sin-binned for consistent bad tackling. A penalty corner drag flick then produced the winner.

Old Hales 5 Bloxwich 3

Old Hales thirds won a game that was crucial to their promotion hopes.

They looked the livelier and Darren Rose broke the deadlock from close range.

Bloxwich levelled from a short corner but Damian Shackleton blasted in a short corner to make it 2-1 at the break.

Early in the second half, Old Hales doubled their lead as Deck Glaze turned the ball in after Adam Hill's shot had been saved.

Bloxwich got back to 3-2 but in the final 10 minutes Charles Palmer scored Hales' fourth and Rose notched again before Bloxwich scored just before the whistle.

Old Hales 3 Streetly 2

Old Halesonians thirds made it six points in two days with a hard-fought win on Sunday.

Streetly scored first and goalkeeper Stuart Andrews did well to stop a second.

Old Hales equalised when Damian Shackleton tucked away a penalty flick.

Minutes later he switched the ball at a penalty corner into the path of Deck Glaze before Dan Millichap got the final touch to put Hales 2-1 up at the break.

Shackleton got a third, flicking the ball into the top corner from a penalty corner, but Streetly pulled one back and gave the home side some anxious moments before the final whistle.

Bustleholme are beaten

Wolverhampton Casuals 5 Bustleholme 0

BUSTLEHOLME were dumped into the West Midlands Premier League bottom three with this defeat.

Casuals went in front in the 15th minute when Daniel Newman found Jonathan Aldridge who beat a defender before slotting the ball past Matt Martin.

Mark Habbershaw gave Bustleholme problems all afternoon and should have doubled Casuals lead but fired wide on a couple of occasions.

The hosts could not extend their lead until the 38th minute when Tom Maydew scored at the second attempt after his initial shot had been blocked by Martin.

Casuals' third goal arrived in the 53rd minute when Maydew played the ball into the area for Newman to steer the ball past Martin.

The home side continued to dominate as they made it 4-0 when substitute Craig Love, who had only been on the pitch for a few minutes, scored with a spectacular 35-yard shot which left Martin rooted to his line.

To add to Bustleholme's miserable afternoon, Chris Norton was red-carded for dangerous play in the 75th minute.

A few minutes later Casuals concluded the scoring when substitute Paul Harris, a former Bustleholme player, controlled a cross from Luke Tudor before rifling a shot past Martin.

In the closing minutes Love was unlucky not to claim a second goal when his 30-yard shot grazed the post.

The tricky Mark Habbershaw tries to bamboozle Bustleholme

Same again as Baggies serve up repeat show

SAME venue, same clubs – and same depressing ending as Albion bowed out of the FA Cup in similar fashion to their recent Premier League defeat against the same opponents.

For paying spectators at The Hawthorns, Saturday's FA Cup show felt curiously like a low-budget remake of a movie that really was not very good first time round.

Many of the leading players took the afternoon off with their lesser-known understudies taking to the stage, ***writes Steve Madeley.***

Yet aside from one or two minor adjustments, the script was identical to the one that Albion and Norwich had acted out on the same turf exactly two weeks earlier.

Albion 1 Norwich 2

The FA Cup element of 'Throstles versus Canaries' was a poor man's version of the Premier League original, with the same contrasting emotional outcomes for the rival sets of supporters.

Just as they had a fortnight earlier, Albion had most of the play.

And like they did on January 14, they handed victory to the Norfolk side through basic defensive errors that must have left boss Roy Hodgson looking for the nearest wall on which to whack his head.

Crucial

Canaries fans left the West Midlands jubilant for the second time in 14 days while Baggies supporters were left lamenting a opportunity squandered.

Last time it was three potentially crucial Premier League points that slipped through their grasp.

This week it was a gilt-edged chance to make the last 16 of the FA Cup.

Victory on home soil would have given the Baggies real hope of a Cup adventure and sent them into next weekend's vital home meeting with Swansea with fresh confidence that home games are there for the taking.

Instead an eighth defeat in 13 home matches cranked up the pressure ahead of the visit, which comes three days after Wednesday's tricky trip to Fulham.

A pleasing haul of points from those two important league fixtures will banish memories of Saturday's disappointment and justify Hodgson's decision to leave several of his 'big-hitters' on the substitutes' bench when supporters had ambitions to see them move within a couple of wins of Wembley.

Saturday's line-up saw Gareth McAuley, Jonas Olsson, Nicky Shorey, Peter Odemwingie and Shane Long either on the bench or in the stands.

Their absence did not prevent a second-string Baggies outfit from holding sway in the game, especially in a first half.

They might have found themselves a goal ahead on 21 minutes when Simon Cox and Gonzalo Jara Reyes combined on the right to set up Jerome Thomas but his rocket of a shot was kept out by goalkeeper Jed Steer.

Albion found themselves a goal behind at half time because of a defensive implosion that gift-wrapped the visitors' opening strike.

This time it was reserve full-back Joe Mattock who went AWOL, allowing former Wolves trainee Elliott Bennett space to burst down the right and cross for a Grant Holt tap-in 10 minutes before the interval.

Once again they were level after the interval with Marc-Antoine Fortune finishing crisply after an excellent run and cross by Thomas.

But while they pressed hard, they failed to learn their lessons from the previous encounter and once again presented Norwich with a needless winner.

Young defender Craig Dawson dwelt on a routine clearance inside his area and was robbed by Simeon Jackson, who scored to dump the Baggies out the Cup.

Albion's Graham Dorrans attempts to evade Zak Whitbread of Norwich City

Red card woe for the Yeltz

Bideford 2 Halesowen Town 0

SPIRITED Halesowen resistance was broken twice in the second half as they suffered a sixth straight loss.

And there was further red card gloom for the Yeltz when Andrew Westwood jumped into a tackle and was sent off – Halesowen's fourth dismissal in five games.

The hosts almost took a second-minute lead in this Evo-Stik South Division One South and West match but Sean Downing blazed over. Leading scorer Matt Andrew then picked up a weak clearance from Paul Evans but shot straight back at the goalkeeper.

Halesowen enjoyed a fair share of possession with Ben Haseley and Nathan Jones combining well up front.

The league leaders went ahead when captain Matt Hockley smashed home a fortuitous 57th-minute penalty down the middle after the ball had unluckily struck Brendan Kelly's arm.

Westwood received a straight red card for jumping in with both feet on Downing in the 61st minute.

Substitute Jamie Mudge got a late second goal.

A five-star show for Tividale

Tividale 5 Studley 0

FIVE-STAR Tividale took Studley apart.

Their performance might have produced a greater winning margin but for the excellence of visiting keeper Richard Taylor.

In the 17th minute Tividale took the lead when Chris Russell was fouled and Lee Chilton smahed home the free-kick.

Russell doubled the lead just before half-time when he headed home unmarked from eight yards.

Four minutes into the second half they increased their lead with Danny Ashton's well-placed shot from 12 yards. Two minutes later the game was over as a contest when Matt Jukes acrobatically volleyed home from 15 yards.

In a final Tividale flurry, Adam Whattley smacked the ball against the bar in the 85th minute.

His effort was bettered by Chilton in the final minute when the Tividale captain smashed the ball home from 10 yards.

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Four more goals put Tipton on cloud nine

Tipton Town 4
Dunkirk 2

TIPTON filled their boots again, following up their five goals against Dunkirk in the reverse fixture with a further four.

Two goals from Andrew Westwood helped Town to victory.

As early as the sixth minute a corner from the impressive Westwood was met by Jack Stone who opened the scoring with a header.

Dunkirk immediately levelled with Max Wright slotting the ball past Neil Page as the Tipton defence missed crucial opportunities to clear.

In the 28th minute a free-kick, awarded for a foul on Leigh Downing, was deftly lifted over the Dunkirk wall to Nathan Waite who side-footed home.

The hosts were now oozing confidence and Westwood was left open to drill the ball in and give Tipton a 3-1 interval lead.

Tipton started the second half well and extended their lead in the 56th minute when Westwood scored another.

The visitors pulled one back in the 70th minute when Alls planted the ball firmly into the Tipton net but it was not enough to stop the home side claiming the spoils.

Netball joy as Bosco are champs

HOTSHOT students from St John Bosco Primary School emerged as netball champions in the Stuart Bathurst Tournament.

The keenly-contested affair saw the West Bromwich school take two teams to compete against all the other Catholic Primaries in Sandwell – and both reached the final.

Both teams enjoyed unbeaten runs through the group phases, team A taking two comfortable victories and a 0-0 draw to reach the final with Christopher Law, Victoria Loa, Luke Whitehouse and Megan Hill all on the scoresheet.

Team B also reached the shootout, losing one game but winning the other two 1-0 with Ethan Green the scorer on each occasion.

In the final Team A ran out 5-0 winners thanks to a Lawrence hat-trick and a brace from Whitehouse.

Keith Andrews displays his new Albion shirt

Baggies sign up Andrews

ALBION sprung a surprise on transfer deadline day by taking on former Wolves player Keith Andrews from Blackburn.

The 31-year-old thanked the Baggies for ending his Ewood Park hell after an 11th-hour switch to The Hawthorns.

He sealed a surprise free transfer move after hitting Rovers with a transfer request to force his way out of the club.

Andrews, who began his career as a trainee at Molineux, revealed that he was determined to leave the troubled Lancashire club after being put out on loan to Ipswich.

"In the summer it was taken out of my hands," said Andrews, who signed a deal to keep him at The Hawthorns for the rest of the season and will wear the No 8 shirt.

"I was told that they wanted to loan me out and I basically went and tried to enjoy my football again after having a frustrating season with injuries and illness.

"Once I came back in January I was hell-bent on getting a move. I had no interest in being at Blackburn and being at a place where I didn't think they treated me in a way I deserved to be treated."

Andrews, who netted nine goals in 20 appearances in the Championship for Ipswich, has linked up with Roy Hodgson almost three years after the Baggies boss failed in a £4m move to take him to Fulham from Blackburn.

Ipswich had an option to buy Andrews permanently while Reading were also linked – but the Baggies offered him a route back into the Premier League.

"It's been madness," admitted, Andrews, who arrived for his medical just two hours before the 11pm Tuesday deadline.

Andrews became Albion's third January signing after Scott Allan and Liam Ridgewell while full-backs Gonzalo Jara Reyes and Joe Mattock both left The Hawthorns to join Brighton on loan.

LIAM LANDS SHOT AT THE NATIONALS

TIPTON amateur Liam Gould is preparing for the national stages of the ABA Schoolboys competition after taking home the Midlands title.

Gould, from William Perry ABC, will represent the Midlands Counties against the North West Region on Sunday afternoon, taking on Ashton Albion ABC's Alex Clegg.

His place in the pre quarter-finals at the Manchester Boxing Centre of Excellence was secured after coming from behind to take a unaminous points win over Joshua Pope.

by Craig Birch

The two West Midlands rivals contested the Class Two – boxers born in 1998 – final at 48kg, with Pope representing Birmingham Irish ABC.

Gould, who attends Coseley High School, trailed at the end of the first round by a point, 5-4, but fought back to take the last two rounds and the title.

By the end of the second session, it was Gould who led by a point, 9-8, and he came on strong again in the third round to win 18-13 at the final bell.

Bowed

But club-mate Harry Hughes fell to a stoppage in Class One – boxers born in 1999 – but nearly extended Kings Heath ABC's Ben Vaughan the distance at 42kg.

Hughes, who goes to the RSA Academy, Tipton, was halted in the third and last round after taking a standing count.

Walsall Wood ABC's Joseph Jenkins, Pleck ABC's Jack Adams and Wednesbury ABC's Declan Millward also bowed out at the Liberal Club, Bedworth.

But Gould was joined by Pleck ABC's James Beech and Aston ABC's George Battonbough, who beat Jenkins in the final, last Sunday afternoon.

In Class One, Jenkins was level after two rounds, with the scores at 1-1 and 5-5 after the respective bells, but ran out of steam in the last session. It allowed Battonbough to take the decision and the title in a 14-11 points call at 38kg.

In Class Two, Adams was another victim of a stoppage, this time in the second round, coming off second best with Nuneaton ABC's Patrick Dunne at 57kg.

In Class Three – boxers born in 1997 –Millward saw his revenge mission fail against Capitol ABC's Levi Chandler at 44kg.

He beat Millward last year and had the measure of his opponent again, winning all three rounds.

Then came Beech, with one of the performances of the day to see off Khizer Ali, of Birmingham City ABC.

The West Midlands rivals contested the 48kg final over the longest fight duration of the day.

But, after their Sunday showdown over three, two minute rounds, it was Beech who had his hand raised after a gruelling contest.

Now for the nationals: Boxer Liam Gould displays his Midlands gold medal

Windmill ready for big bout

WINDMILL ABC in Smethwick will take on a Midlands Select amateur boxing team on a home club show next week.

More than 15 bouts are expected to take place between the two sides at the show on Friday February 10.

The bill will be at the club is based, Windmill Super Youth Centre, Messenger Road, Smethwick.

A host of boxing stars will there to watch the stars of tomorrow from ringside.

Among them will be Len Woodhall, who coached son Richie to the WBC world super middleweight title in the 1990s, along with fellow trainer Malcolm Melvin.

Current pro Birmingham's Nasser Al Harbi, the reigning WBC Asia Council Continental welterweight champion, will be there.

Birmingham's Sid Razak, the 10-year veteran of 85 professional contests, will join him.

A benchmark for Windmill amateurs to aspire completes the list of boxing stars, in the shape of reigning ABA champion and England international Alimaan Huss- ain.

For tickets, call 07938 123 770 or 07886 278 759.

Hancock returns to meet the Heathens' supporters

HEATHENS speedway fans will be flocking to Dudley to welcome back old favourite Greg Hancock.

The reigning world speedway champion won his second crown 14 years after claiming his first and promised a return to his professional roots.

The former Cradley ace made nearly 400 appearances for the old Cradley club and notched more than 4,000 points.

The 41-year-old, who now lives in Sweden, will take the stage and meet supporters at The Venue Conference and Banqueting Centre, High Street, Dudley on March 17.

He will be joined by a number of former Cradley riders including former world champion and newly-named Heathens coach Jan O Pedersen and Colin Pratt.

Busy

Hancock said: "I know what the Heathens name means to the people and they are just so passionate about their team.

"The Cradley days were special to me and to so many people. It will be nice to come back to England and to see my fans once again."

Tickets cost £10 and are still available at www.dudleyheathens.co or by cheque to HSSC, 2 Caernarvon Way, Dudley, West Midlands, DY1 2TR. More details: 07766 745681.

Hancock will also be in Cradley Heath itself on the afternoon of the event between noon and 2pm when he officially opens a new facility at Motor Market on Newtown Lane.

Meanwhile, the Heathens will defend their National League Shield against Knockout Cup winners Mildenhall early in the season.

In the cup, Dudley have been drawn against great rivals Buxton in the first round of 2012.

■ Birmingham Brummies, fresh from signing German champion Martin Smolinski, have been drawn against Manchester side Belle Vue in the Knockout Cup.

Thursday, May 31 has been pencilled in for the Perry Barr leg.

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